

NOT LIVES

05

WATARU
KARASUMA

KYOUKA



I'm a little tired...
Aren't you going to swim?

5.17^{Thu}
17:31

AMAMIYA
KYOUKA

WEAPON
White Raptor

STATUS
Avatar

Swim with all your strength.

Dry her wet hair.

The breathtaking All Girl's
Swim Meet begins!

Control Amamiya Kyouka.





Wataru Karasuma Presents

NOT LIVES

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CHAPTER 21



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IF
WE TAKE
DOWN THE
PLAYER'S
BODY
ON THE
BATTLE-
FIELD...

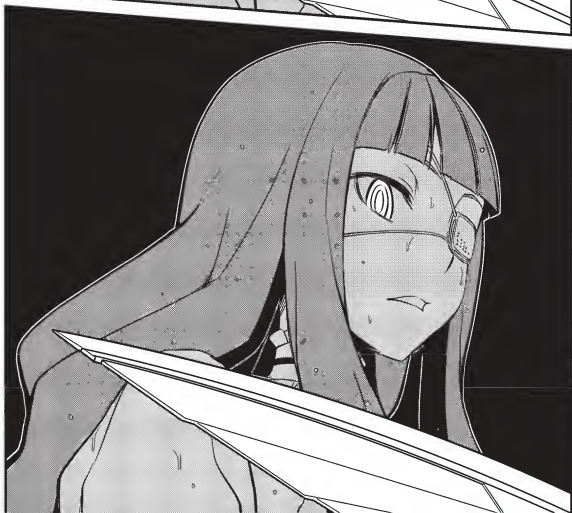
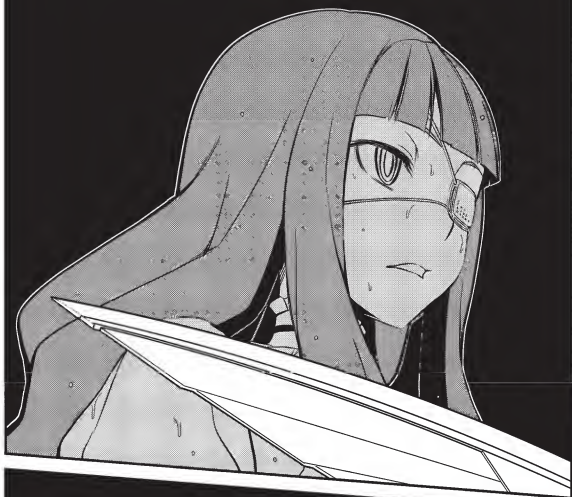
WE
CAN WIN
WITHOUT
HAVING TO
FIGHT THE
AVATAR.

WE'LL
FINISH
THIS IN AN
INSTANT!!

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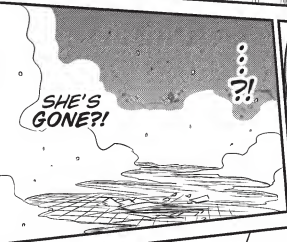


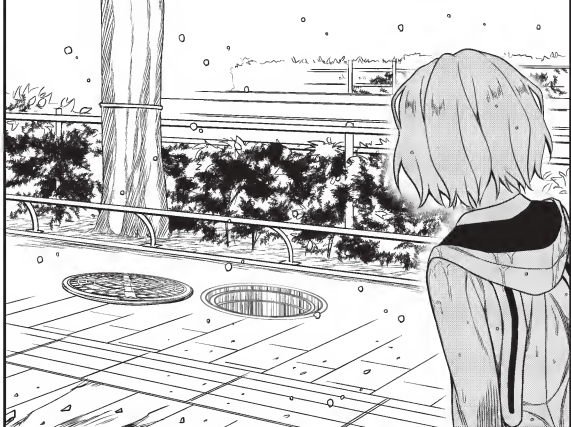


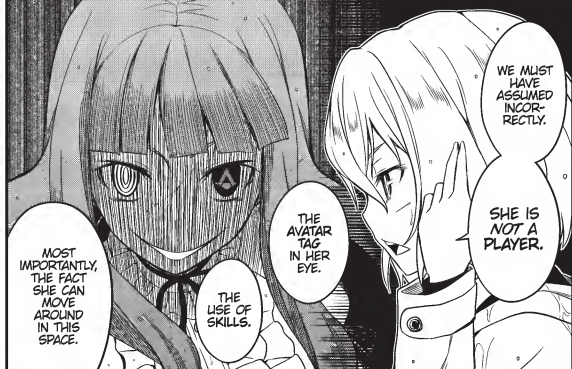


**DON'T
RUSH,
NOW.**









MOST
IMPORTANTLY,
THE FACT
SHE CAN
MOVE
AROUND
IN THIS
SPACE.

THE
USE OF
SKILLS.

THE
AVATAR
TAG
IN HER
EYE.

SHE IS
NOT A
PLAYER.

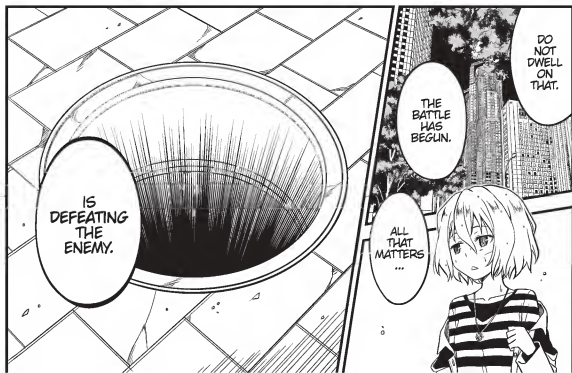
WE MUST
HAVE
ASSUMED
INCOR-
RECTLY.



BUT,
THAT
DOESN'T
EXPLAIN
WHY THEY
DIDN'T
APPEAR
WHEN I
SEARCHED
FOR THEM.

SO
YOU'RE
TELLING
ME THE
PLAYER
WAS
SOMEONE
ELSE?

I'M
SURE
THAT
SHE'S
AN
AVATAR.



IS
DEFEATING
THE
ENEMY.

THE
BATTLE
HAS
BEGUN.

ALL
THAT
MATTERS
...

DO
NOT
DWELL
ON THAT.

THERE
ARE NO
HEIGHT
LIMITS
TO THE
BATTLE
FIELD.

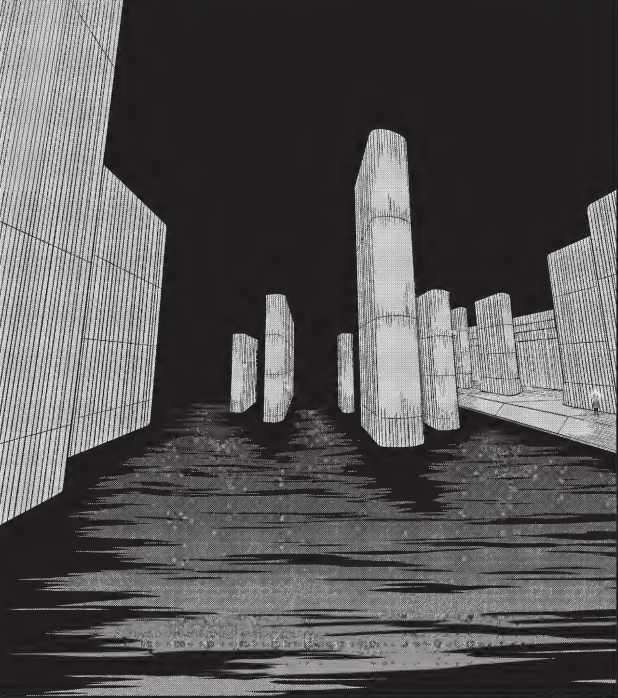
HOW CAN
WE BE SO
FAR DOWN
IN ONE
OF THE
SMALLEST
BATTLE
AREAS?

AWA-
MIYA,
WHERE'S
THE
SIGNAL?

SO,
THIS IS
OUR HORI-
ZONTAL
LIMIT...

LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
BELOW
US.

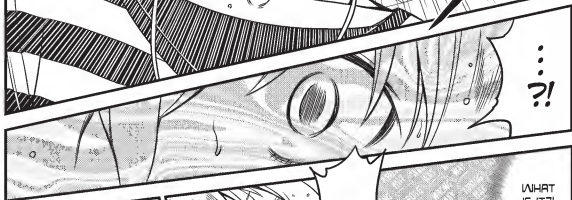




AMAZING!
THIS IS MY
FIRST TIME
SEEING
THIS!

AN
UNDER-
GROUND
RESER-
VOIR?







THEN
IT
MUST
BE
"THAT
SKILL"!!

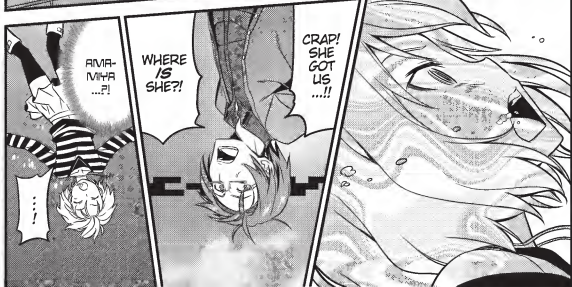
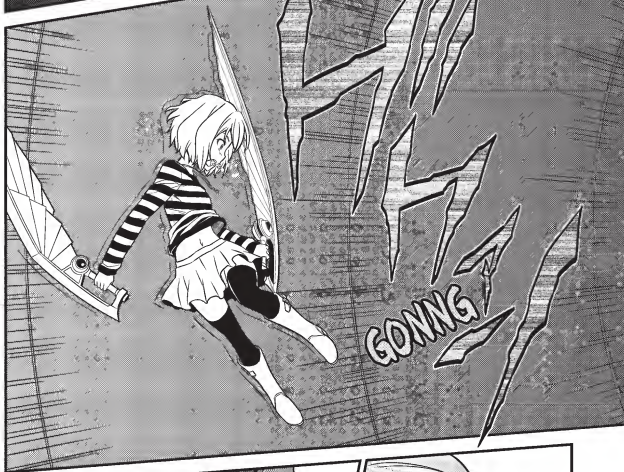
MY
SENSE
OF
BALANCE
WAS
COM-
PLETELY
DISRUPT-
ED!!

THAT
WAS A
SKILL
ATTACK!!

ARE
YOU
OKAY,
AMA-
MIYA?!

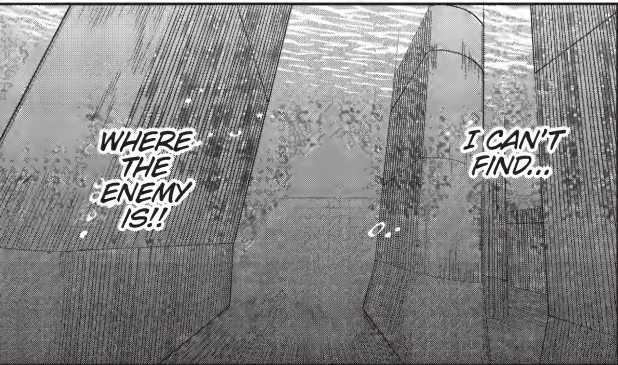


THIS
IS
BAD!!



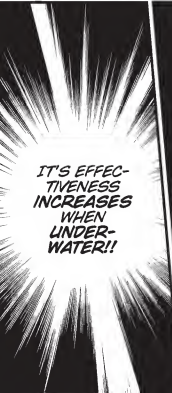


IS
"SEARCH"
NOT
WORKING
PROPERLY?!



WHERE
THE
ENEMY
IS!!

I CAN'T
FIND...



IT'S EFFEC-
TIVENESS
INCREASES
WHEN
UNDER-
WATER!!

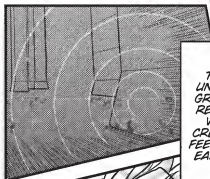


"SOUND
ATTACKS"
AFFECT THE
OPPONENT'S
SENSES AND
CAN DISRUPT
THEIR BAL-
ANCE. THIS
SEALS AWAY
THE "SEARCH"
SKILL.

THE
MOST
SPECIAL
ASPECT
ABOUT
THIS
SKILL
IS...

IT IS AN
ATTACK
SKILL FOR
STRIKE
USERS.
IT CAN
INCREASE
THE FORCE
OF A
"SOUND
ATTACK."

THE
"ECHO"
SKILL.



THIS
UNDER-
GROUND
RESER-
VOIR
CREATES
FEEDBACK
EASILY...

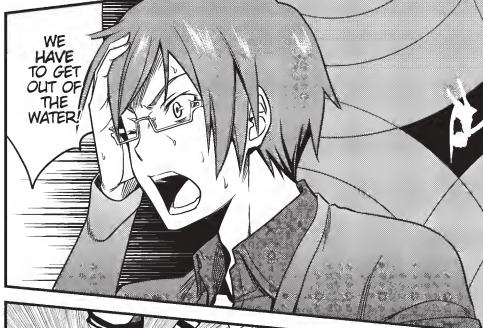
ON TOP OF
THAT, THE
WAVES DO
NOT DECAY
EASILY IN
WATER AND
TRAVEL
LONGER
DISTANCES.

UNDERWATER,
SOUND MOVES
AT A SPEED OF
1500M PER
SECOND--
ABOUT 4.4
TIMES MORE
THAN THE
340M PER
SECOND
IT GOES
THROUGH AIR.



AT
THIS
RATE,
IT'S
LIKE...

SO ONE
ATTACK
EFFORT-
LESSLY
TURNS INTO
THREE
OR FOUR
SOUND
ATTACKS!!



WE
HAVE
TO GET
OUT OF
THE
WATER!

"A LABY-
RINTH OF
SOUND"!!



!!

WOOOH





YOU'RE
THE FIRST
PERSON
WHO HAS
EVER
EVADED
MY ATTACK
IN THAT
SITUATION!

I WAS
THINKING
OF BEAT-
ING THE
ATTACK
DIRECTLY
INTO YOUR
HEAD...

YOU'RE
MY
ENTER-
TAINMENT
FOR
TODAY.

SORRY,
BUT I'D
LIKE TO
DRAG
THIS OUT
A BIT...

YOU
SHOULD'VE
LOST A LOT
OF OXYGEN
WITH THAT
LAST ONE.



BUT YOU
CAN USE
IT FOR
THINGS
LIKE
THIS.

EVERYONE
THINKS
IT'S A
SKILL
USED FOR
FUN...

"COS-
TUME
CHANGE."



AFTER
ALL, MY
SUPERI-
ORS HAVE
TOLD ME
THAT I
CAN'T
LOSE.

I ONLY
FIGHT
IN MY
HOME
AREA.

THE
ANSWER
IS
SIMPLE.

YOU'RE
WONDER-
ING WHY
I'M SO
PRE-
PARED...

CON-
FUSED?

BUT IT'D
BE QUITE
TROUBLE-
SOME
IF YOU
DEFEATED
ONE OF
THE
OTHERS.

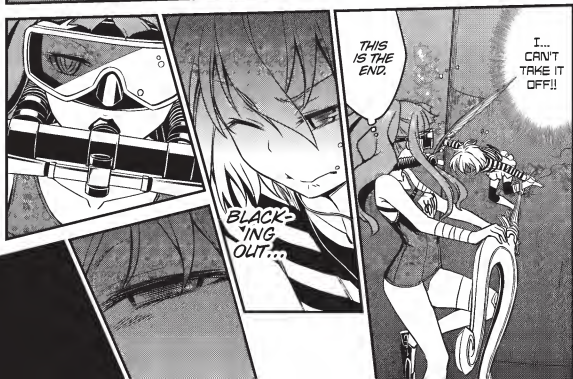
TO BE
HONEST,
I DIDN'T
REALLY
HAVE TO
FIGHT
YOU...

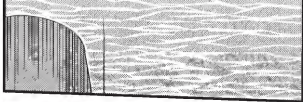
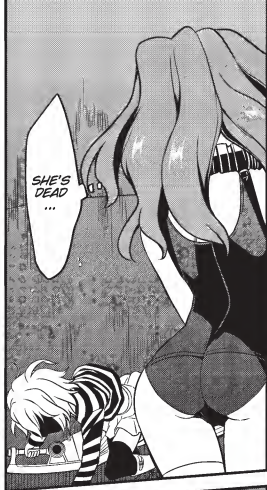


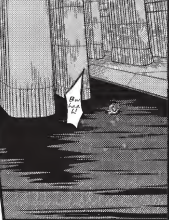
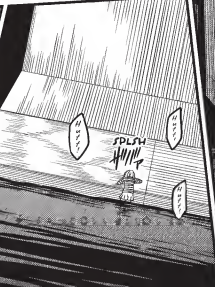
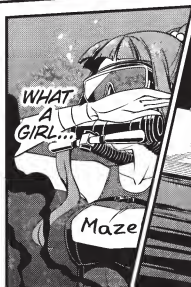
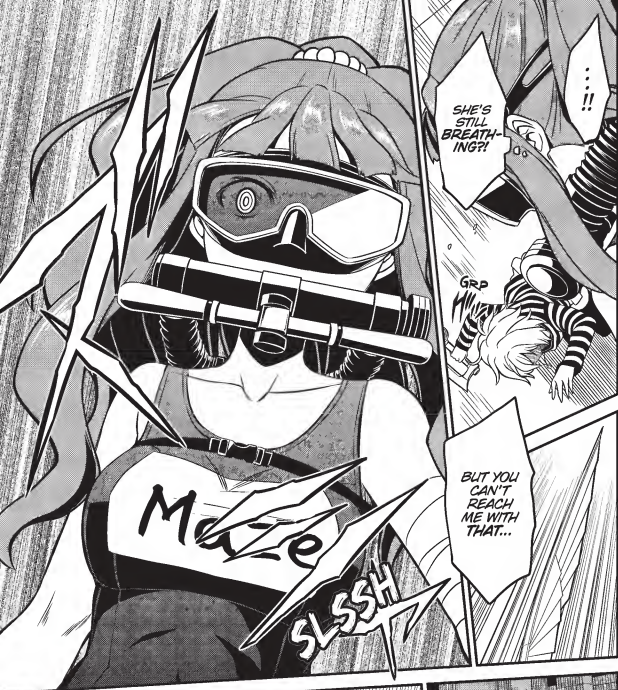
FOR THE
SAKE
OF OUR
PLANS.

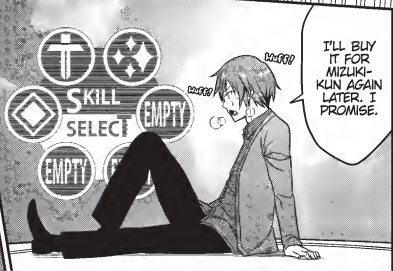
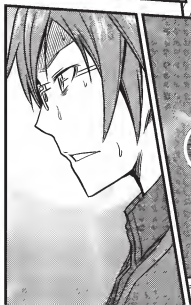
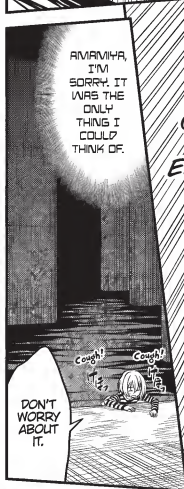
PLEASE
DIE...





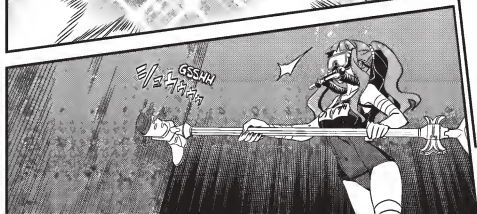


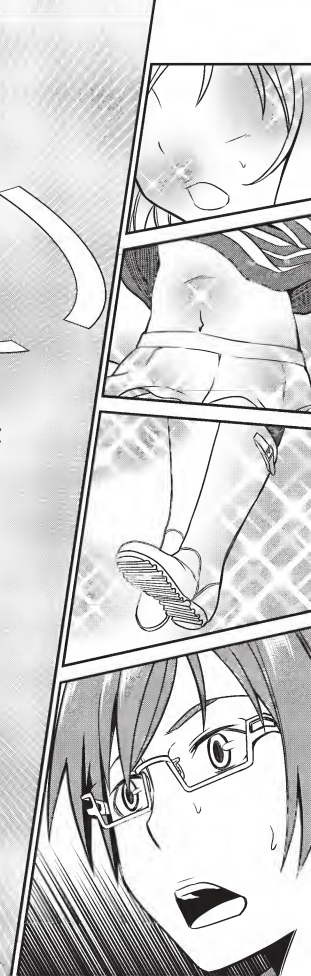






"RECOVERY"







MIKAMI-
KUN!

NOW
THAT
WE'VE
USED
"RECOVERY"

WE ONLY
HAVE THE
TWO BASIC
SKILLS OF
"ATTACK"
AND
"SEARCH."

SKILL SELE



EMPTY



YOU
THINK
THAT'S
ENOUGH
TO
ESCAPE?

SO
YOU'RE
OUT OF
THE
WATER...

A SKILL
WITH THIS
KIND OF
EFFECT...
I'VE NEVER
SEEN
ANYTHING
LIKE IT!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON...?

SO
YOU
CAN
USE IT
LIKE
THAT,
TOO.

SHE'S
USING
THE SKILL
"MAGNET"
ON THE
WATER
AROUND
HER...

?

I
SEE.

I
ALREADY
TOLD
YOU.

I ONLY
FIGHT IN
MY HOME
AREA.



THERE'S
NOWHERE
FOR YOU
TO RUN.



AMA-
MIYA...

YOU'RE
A GOOD
SWIMMER,
RIGHT?

SHPP



AND THIS
FIELD OF
WATER...

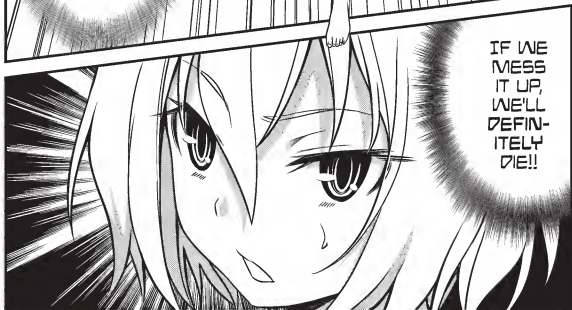
IS MY
HOME
AREA.



THEN
THIS IS
OUR
HOME
AREA,
TOO!

TOSS

ALSO,
THIS
PLAN...



IF WE
MESS
IT UP,
WE'LL
DEFIN-
ITELY
DIE!!

CHAPTER 22





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VERY
MUCH
SO!!

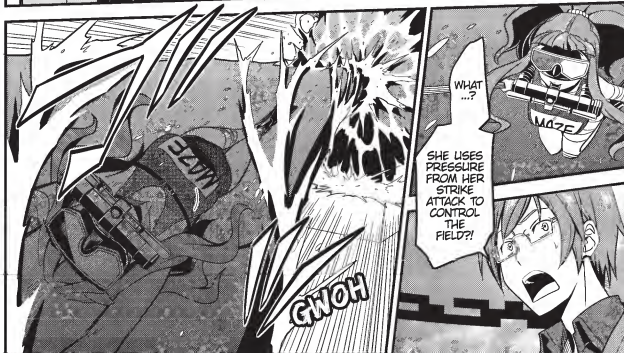
WAS
TAKING
OFF MY
CLOTHES
REALLY
NECESSARY,
THEN?

MIKAMI-
KUN,
WHAT'S
THE
PLAN?!

FIRST,
WE HAVE
TO GET TO
THE SUR-
FACE!

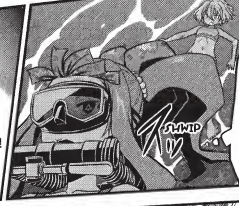
DWOOOSH

SHWIP





"ECHO"!!



IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
WHERE
YOU RUN.



DRAIN!



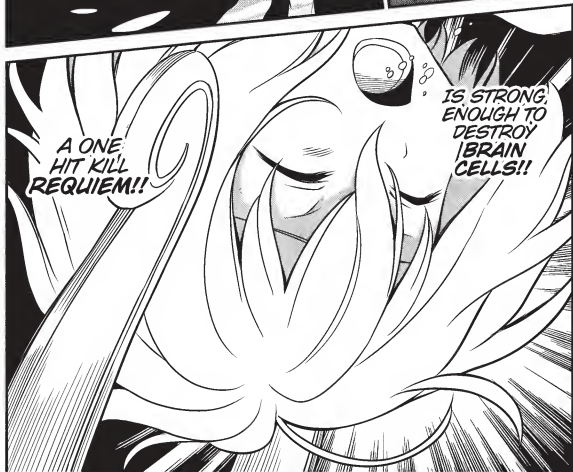
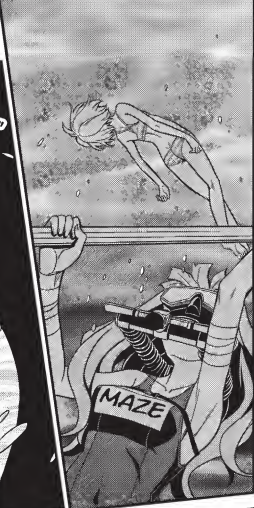


"ECHO."

THE SKILL
ITSELF
DOESN'T
HAVE THE
POWER
TO KILL.

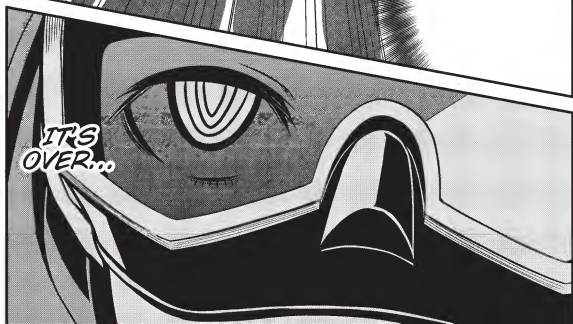
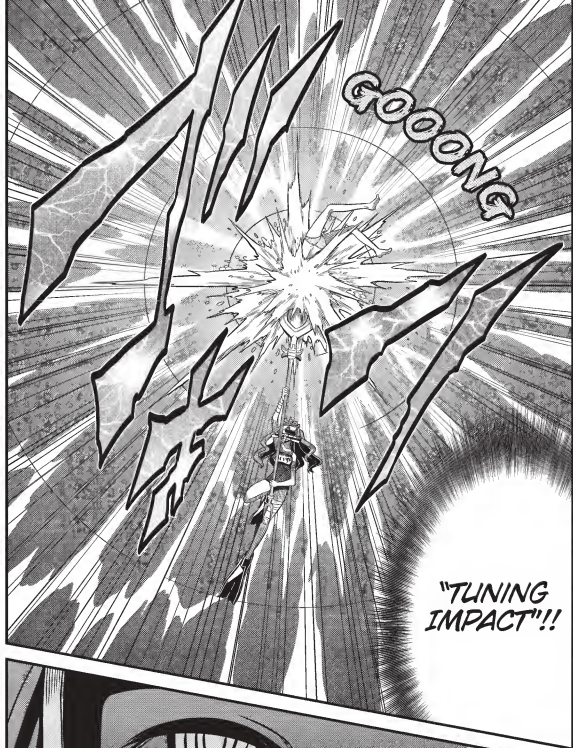
HOW-
EVER...

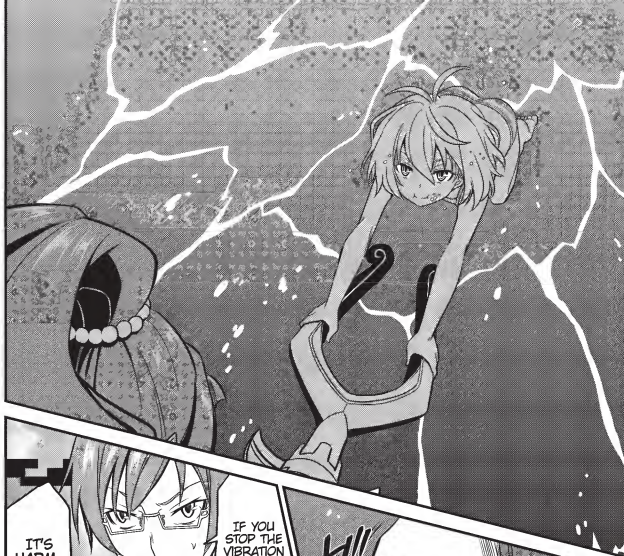
IF YOU
STRIKE
DIRECTLY
TO THE
HEAD, THE
POWER...

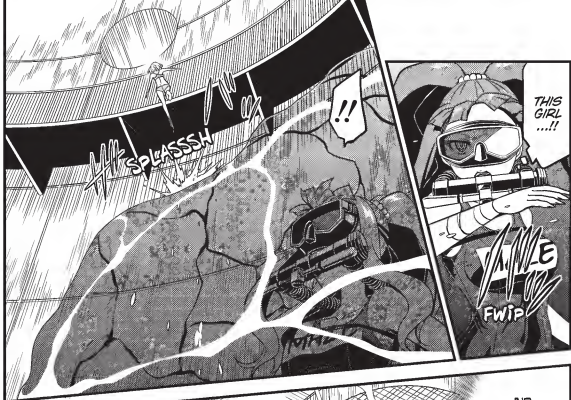


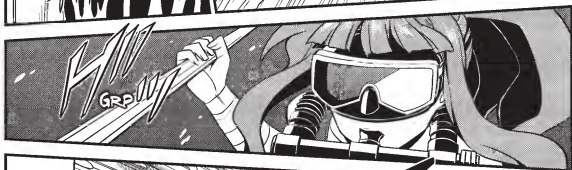
A ONE
HIT KILL
REQUIEM!!

IS STRONG,
ENOUGH TO
DESTROY
BRAIN
CELLS!!









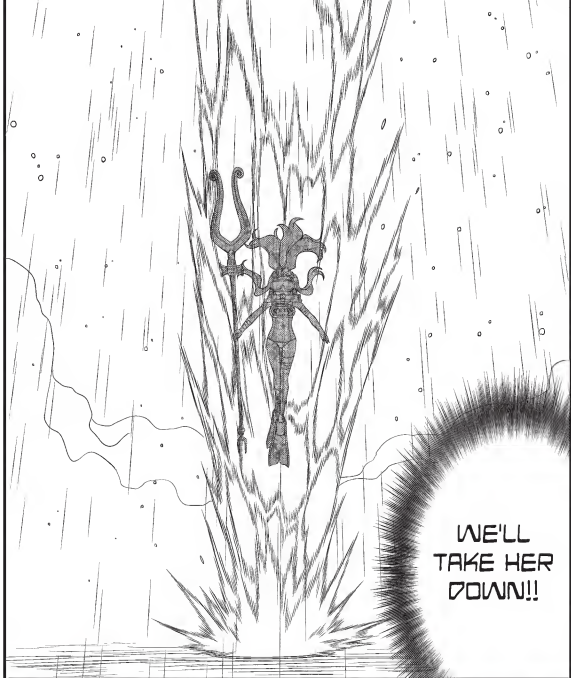
THAT
WAS
DANGER-
OUS!

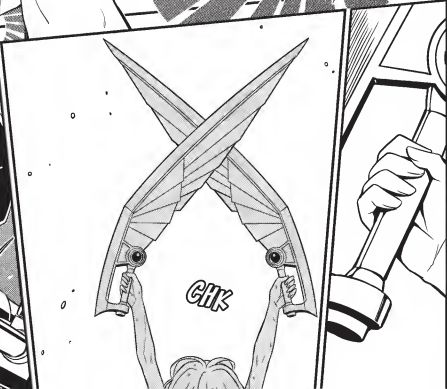
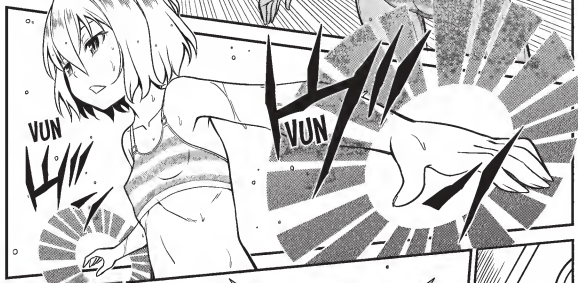


I
KNOW.

MIKA-
MI-
KUN...





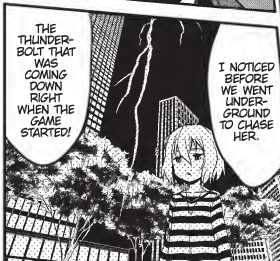




MIKAMI-
KUN...
IT
CAN'T
BE....!

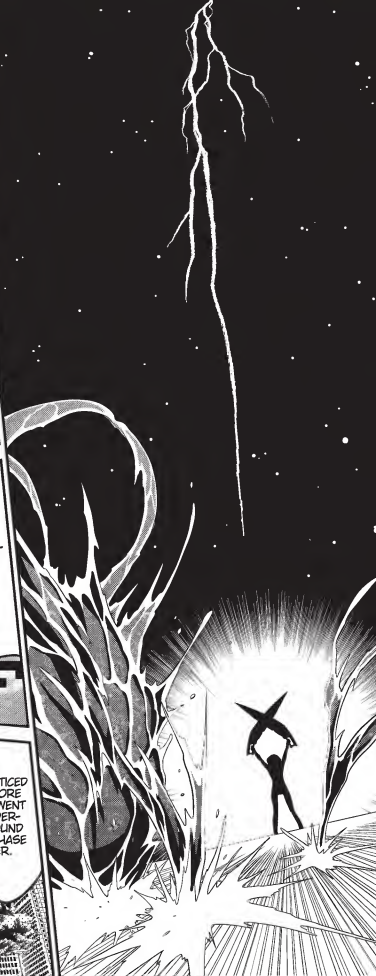


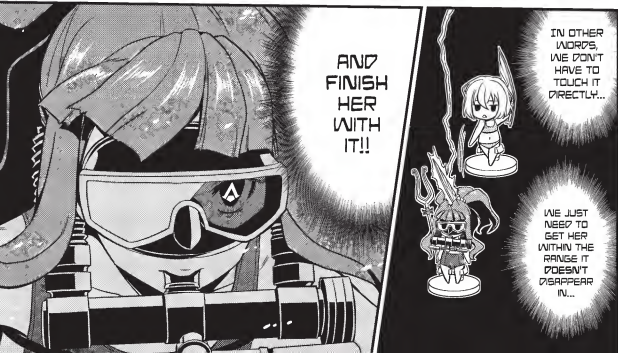
THE
BATTLE
ENVIRON-
MENT
ISN'T
IN HER
FAVOR
HERE!

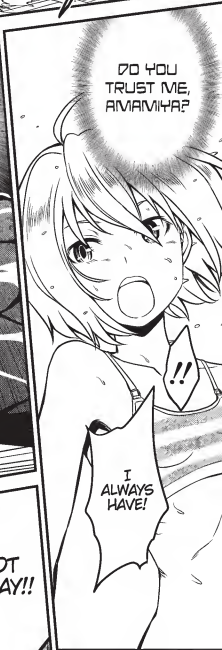
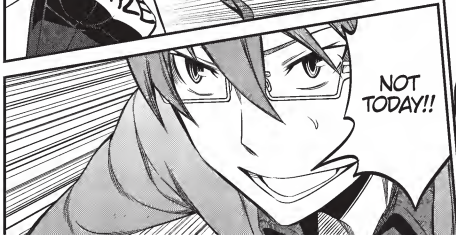


THE
THUNDER-
BOLT THAT
WAS
COMING
DOWN
RIGHT
WHEN THE
GAME
STARTED!

I NOTICED
BEFORE
WE WENT
UNDER-
GROUND
TO CHASE
HER.









BUT WE
SHOULD
TAKE
ADVANTAGE
OF OUR
ENVIRON-
MENT!!

THIS IS
OUR
SPECIAL
ATTACK!!

INSTEAD
OF THE
"WHITE
RAPTOR"

...

THIS
IS THE
"LIGHTNING
RAPTOR"!

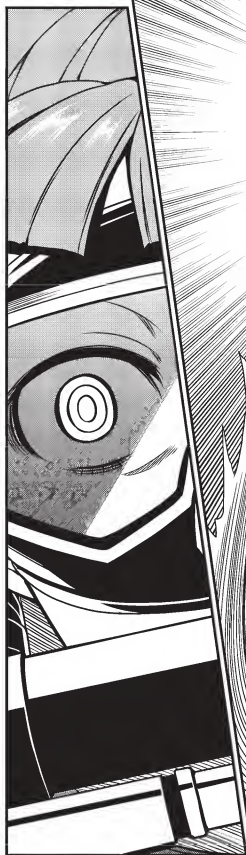


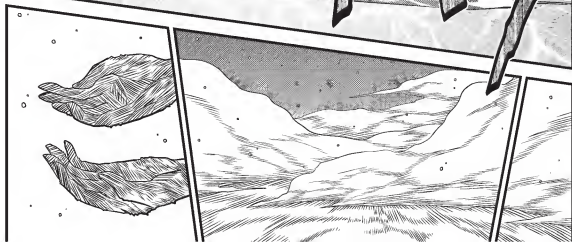
THE
INSTANT
IT
CONNECTS...

IF WE
MISS THE
TIMING
TO LET
GO...

WHO
WON'T
RECOVER!!

WE'LL
BE THE
ONES...







ELEC-
TRICITY
AGAINST
WATER...
THAT WAS
A GOOD
CALL.

YOU'RE
THE FIRST
I'VE SEEN
TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE
OF LIGH-
NING...

BUT IT
WAS A
SHALLOW
ATTEMPT.

YOU
WON'T
BE ABLE
TO FIGHT
PROPERLY
WITH
THOSE
HANDS.

LOOKS
LIKE YOU
CHOSE THE
WRONG
TIME TO
USE "RE-
COVERY."

EVEN
SO...

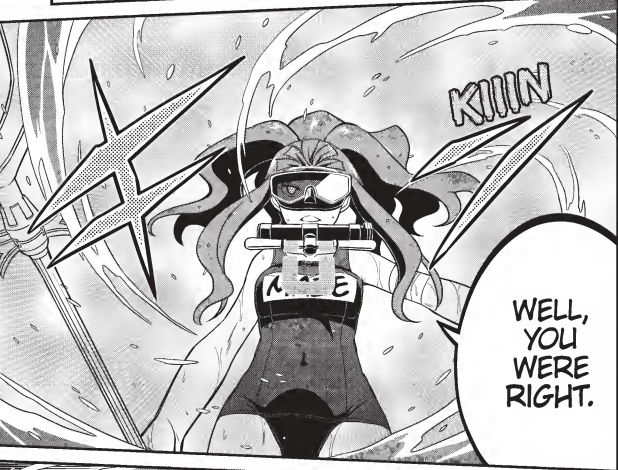
///
KRNCN!!
///





THAT I
WOULDN'T
TOSS
ASIDE MY
HOME
AREA SO
EASILY?

YOU
THOUGHT I
WOULDN'T
RELEASE
MY SKILL?

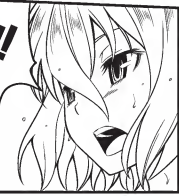


KIIIN

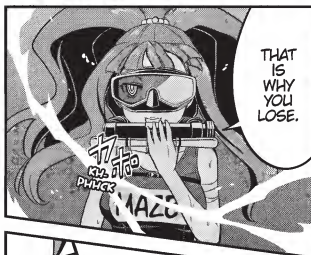
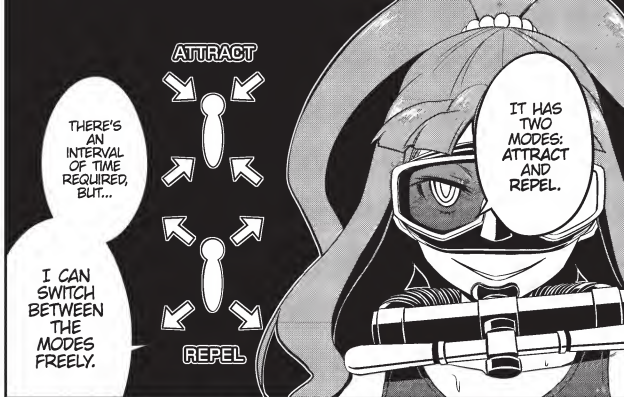
WELL,
YOU
WERE
RIGHT.



LET ME
TELL YOU
ABOUT THE
SKILL
"MAGNET."



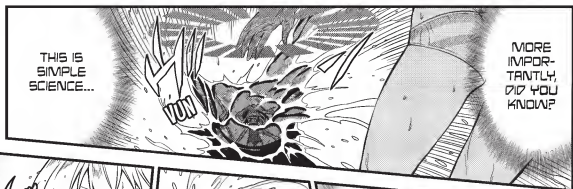
!!





WE
ALREADY
KNEW
ABOUT
THAT!

OH...
THAT?



THIS IS
SIMPLE
SCIENCE...

MORE
IMPOR-
TANTLY,
DID YOU
KNOW?



WHAT
HAPPENS
IF WE
IGNITE IT
NOW?

YOU'RE
GETTING
A LOT OF
IT BACK
RIGHT
NOW!!

THIS WAS
THE HOME
AREA YOU
ORIGINALLY
SURROUNDED
YOURSELF
WITH!!

WATER
BECOMES
A MIXTURE
OF HYDRO-
GEN AND
OXYGEN
WHEN SEP-
ARATED
WITH ELEC-
TRICITY.



STATIC
ELEC-
TRICITY...

I ACCU-
MULATED
IT FROM
THE
LIGHT-
NING
BOLT!!

PANG

PANG

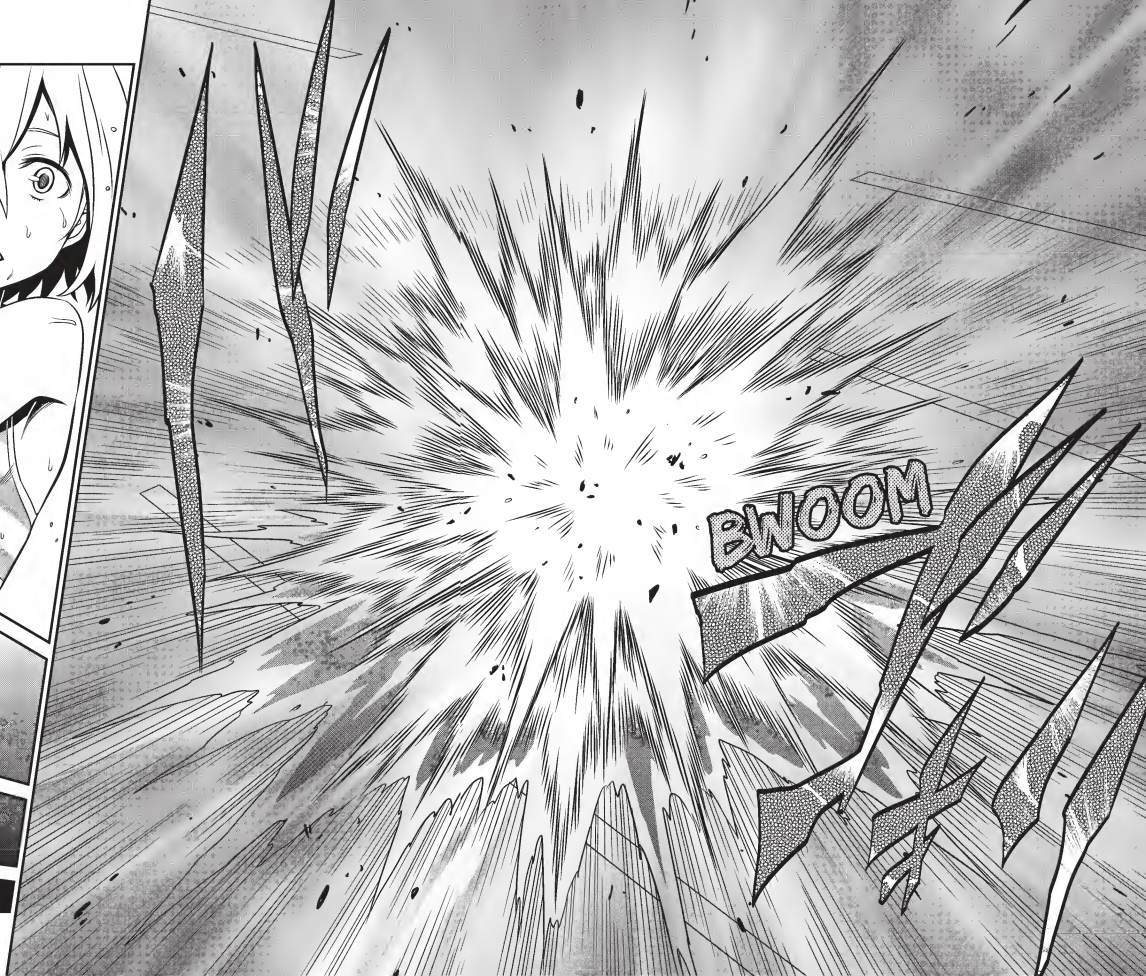
PANG

PANG

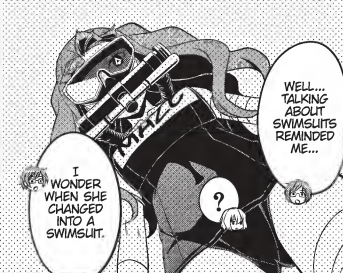
FLASH

MAZE

IT...
CAN'T
BE!!







I WONDER WHEN SHE CHANGED INTO A SWIMSUIT.

WELL... TALKING ABOUT SWIMSUITS REMINDED ME...



WHAT'S WRONG...?



I'M PRETTY SURE YOU CAN'T.

SO DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE OPPOSITE ALSO APPLIES ...?

YOU CAN CHANGE BATTLE SKILLS TO PRIVATE SKILLS...

COSTUME CHANGE

THE "COSTUME CHANGE" SKILL SHOULD HAVE BEEN A PRIVATE ONE.



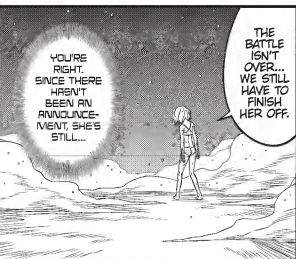
NO USE WORRYING NOW.

AND WHY DIDN'T SHE APPEAR IN MY OPPONENT SEARCH?



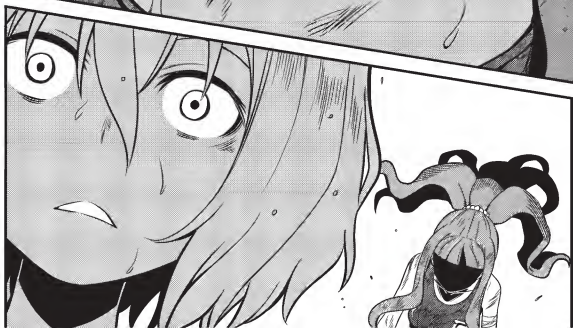
WHEN, AND HOW, DID SHE USE "COSTUME CHANGE"?

THEN, ISN'T IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SET IT AS A BATTLE SKILL AND USE IT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GAME?



YOU'RE RIGHT. SINCE THERE HASN'T BEEN AN ANNOUNCEMENT, SHE'S STILL...

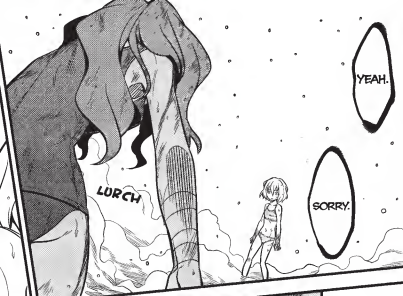
THE BATTLE ISN'T OVER... WE STILL HAVE TO FINISH HER OFF.





WHAT'S
GOING
ON...?!

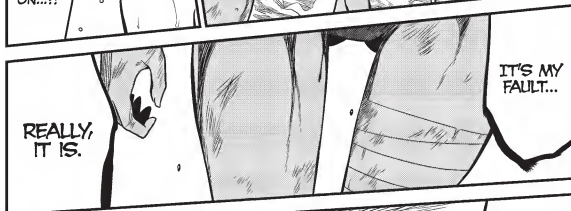
...?
?!



LURCH

YEAH.

SORRY.



REALLY,
IT IS.

IT'S MY
FAULT...



I DIDN'T
WANT TO
SHOW
YOU
THIS.



WHY...

I
REALLY
ONLY
FIGHT...

IN MY
HOME
AREA.



I'LL
SHOW
YOU...



DID SHE
DODGE
AT THE
LAST
MOMENT
?!

IT WAS
DEFI-
NITELY
A
DIRECT
HIT...

HOW
COULD
SHE?!

"DISCORD
MOTION."





PAX.
MAX.



CHAPTER 23

I WILL
EXPLAIN
IN DUE
TIME.

BECAUSE
OF THAT,
RAISING A
"TRUSTWORTHY
PAWN THAT
CAN WIN
BATTLES"
IS A NECESSITY.

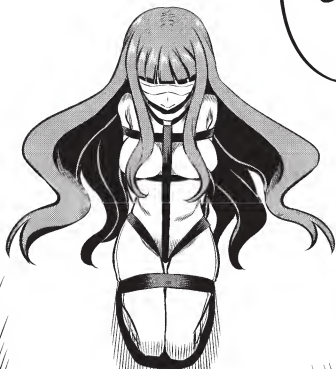
THERE'S
STILL A
CHANCE THAT
SOMEONE
MIGHT
INTERFERE
BEFORE WE
COLLECT
OUR FOUR.

UNTIL WE
SUCCEED,
OF
COURSE.

HOW IS
THAT
GIRL SO
TRUST-
WORTHY?

HOW
ARE YOU
FEELING?

MAY-
SAN.



THERE
ARE NO
PROB-
LEMS.



A
"FIFTEEN
DAY
RULE"
EXISTS.



THAT RULE
ALSO APPLIES
TO A LOSING
PLAYER WHO
FAILS TO
FIND A NEW
PERSON TO BE
THEIR PLAYER
WITHIN A
SIMILAR
TIMEFRAME.



YOU
RECEIVE
A POINT
PENALTY IF
YOU DON'T
HAVE
ANOTHER
MATCH WITHIN
FIFTEEN DAYS
OF YOUR
LAST MATCH.

SO,
DID SHE
FIND
THAT
PLAYER?



WE
KNOW
THAT.

WE'VE
HAD HER
UNDERGO
A UNIQUE
PRO-
GRAM.

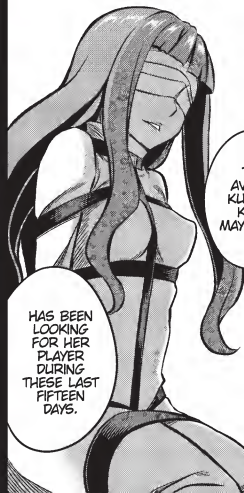


DURING
THE
FIFTEEN
DAYS
AFTER
SHE
BECAME
AN AV-
ATAR...

OUR
TEST
SUBJECT
HERE...

THE
AVATAR
KUMIZA-
KANA
MAY-SAN...

HAS BEEN
LOOKING
FOR HER
PLAYER
DURING
THESE LAST
FIFTEEN
DAYS.



PAT



UNLESS
THEY ARE
"DELETED"
IN THAT
WORLD,
THEY WILL
NOT DIE.

See, her
tooth is
already
back to
normal.

AN
"AVATAR"
IS THE
PROPERTY
OF NOT
ALIVE.

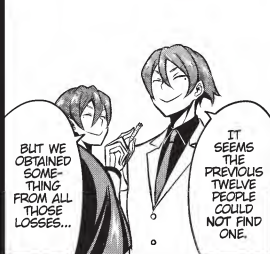
PLEASE,
RELAX.

H-HEY,
WHAT
ARE
YOU...

HI
TUUG

HI
GRRP







SHE HAS
SUCCEEDED
IN CREATING
ANOTHER
SELF FROM
WITHIN
HERSELF.

AT THIS
RATE,
I
WILL...

PLEASE
STOP,
PAX-
SAMA.

KILL
YOU.

SO THEY
CAN TELL
THE
DIFFER-
ENCE...

I HAVE
ALREADY
ASKED THAT
ONE OF YOU
CHANGE
YOUR
METHOD OF
SPEECH.

THE
TWO OF
THEM
SEEM
CONFUSED.

I
ALWAYS
RECEIVE
THIS
KIND OF
ROLE.

SO IT
IS THE
LEAST
SHE
CAN
DO...

THEN
I WILL
ASK
MAY I
CHANGE
HER
SPEECH.

TO BRING
OUT THE
BEST
IN AN
AVATAR?

HUH?
WELL...

DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT
KIND OF
PLAYER
IT
TAKES...

TAKA-
HASHI-
SAN...

SOOO,
SHE'S
TOUGH?

THE
PLAYER
THAT CAN
BRING
OUT THE
GREATEST
POTEN-
TIAL...

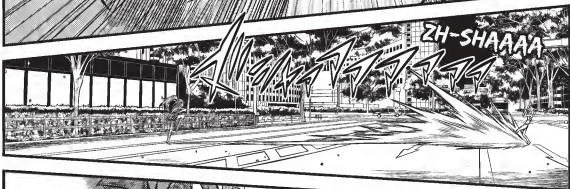
CLOSE!
BUT IN-
COR-
RECT...

SINCE YOUR
FORMS ARE
EXACTLY
THE SAME,
THERE ISN'T
MUCH
CHANGE
WHEN ONE
CONTROLS
THE OTHER'S
BODY...

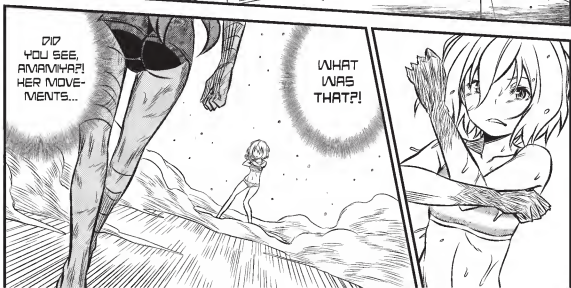
TWINS!
PROBABLY...?



IS THE
PERSON
HERSELF.



ZH-SHAAAA



DID
YOU SEE,
AMAMIYA?!
HER MOVEMENTS...

WHAT
WAS
THAT?!



AMAMIYA,
HOW ARE
YOUR
ARMS?!



DON'T
EXPECT
MUCH.

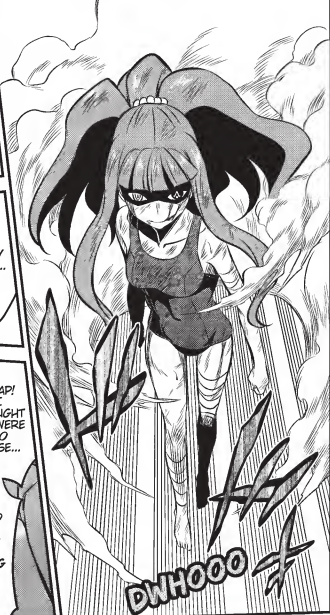
I CAN'T
HOLD MY
WEAPON...



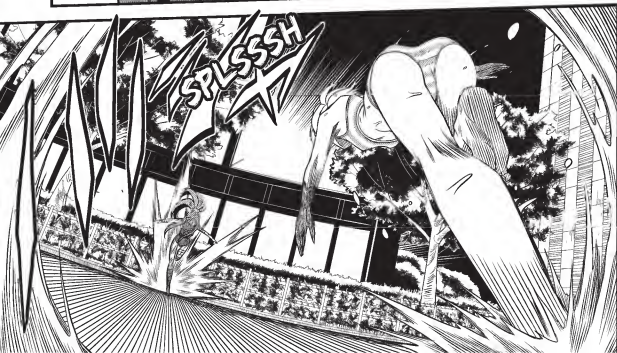
CRAP!
I
THOUGHT
WE WERE
SO
CLOSE...

I
SHOULD
HAVE
PLAYED
MORE
FIGHTING
GAMES
FOR THIS!

FOCUS
ON
LEG
ATTACKS
!!



DWHOOO



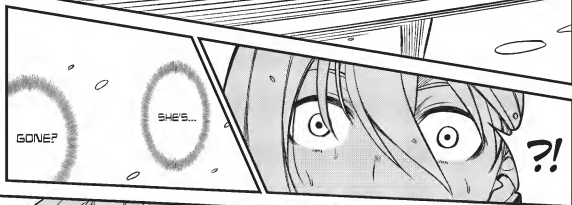
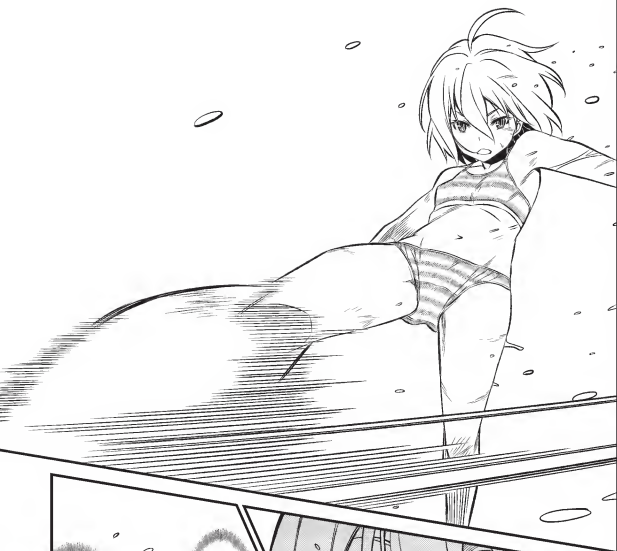
SPLSSSH



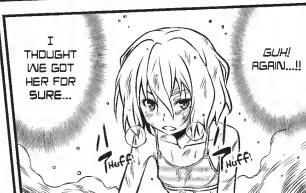
WE'LL USE
EVERYTHING
AROUND
US THAT
WE CAN!!

WE
DON'T
NEED
TO USE
SKILLS!!











IT WAS
ONLY A
SPLIT-
SECOND...

AT THAT
MOMENT...

BUT SHE
FROZE
COMPLETELY.



WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!

FROZE?!



SHE'S AN
AVATAR,
RIGHT?
WHY DID
SHE
FREEZE?!

TIME
FROZE?
LIKE THE
WORLD
INSIDE OF
THIS
GAME?



IT'S
JUST
LIKE I
SAID...

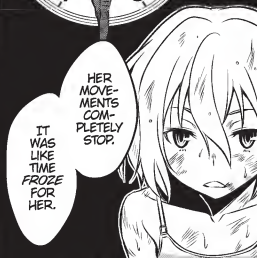


I CAN'T
BELIEVE
THIS IS
POSSIBLE...



WHAT?

IT
CAN'T
BE...



HER
MOVE-
MENTS
COM-
PLETELY
STOP.

IT
WAS
LIKE
TIME
FROZE
FOR
HER.



YOU'RE
THE
FIRST
PERSON
WHO
NOTICED.

AND HER
ABILITY
TO USE
"COSTUME
CHANGE"
EVEN
THOUGH IT
WASN'T ACTI-
VATED FROM
THE BEGIN-
NING...

I DON'T
WANT TO
BELIEVE
IT, BUT
ALL OF
THAT
MEANS...

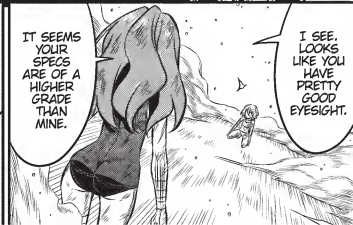


BUT THE
REASON
SHE DIDN'T
COME UP IN
THE MATCH
SEARCH
BEFORE
THE
BATTLE...



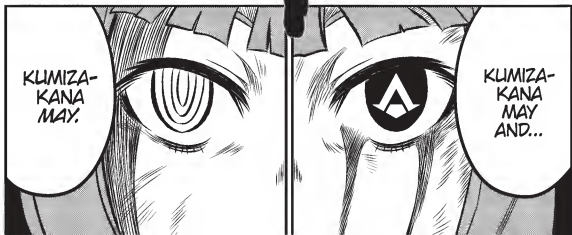
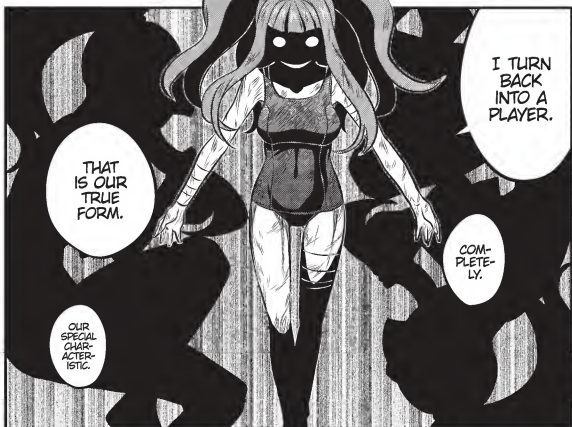
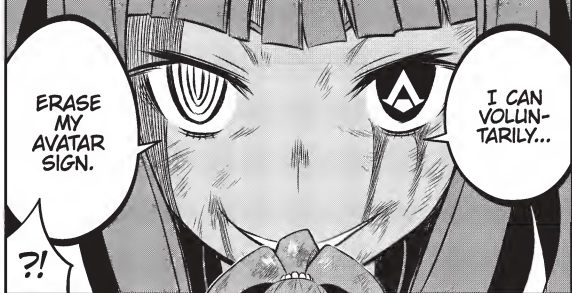
SO
I'LL
TELL
YOU.

THAT'S
FINE.
NOTHING
YOU DO
NOW WILL
HELP...



IT SEEMS
YOUR
SPECS
ARE OF A
HIGHER
GRADE
THAN
MINE.

I SEE.
LOOKS
LIKE YOU
HAVE
PRETTY
GOOD
EYESIGHT.





THAT IS
WHO WE
ARE. A
MULTIPLE
PERSONAL-
ITY TEAM.

WE ARE
"MAZE."

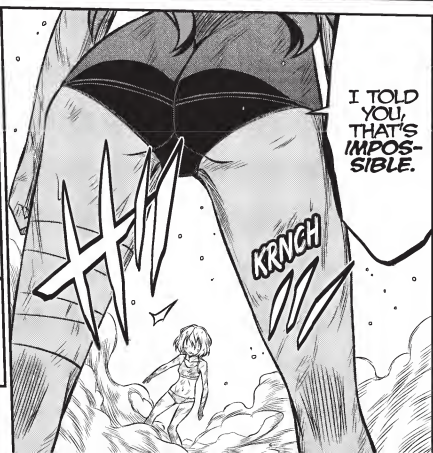
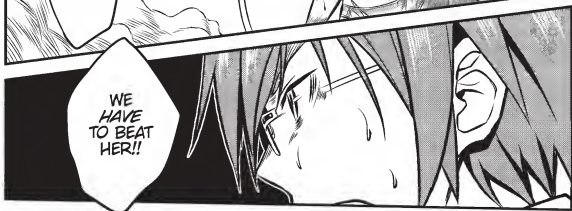
IT
WAS
INSIDE
HER!

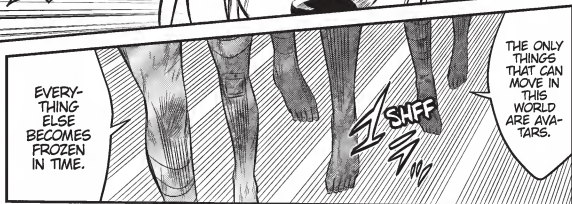
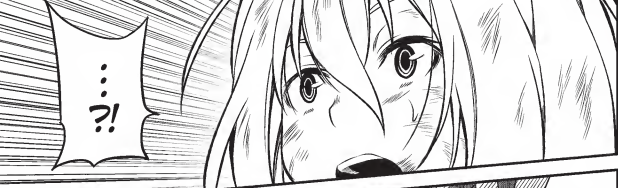
THE
PLAYER
WAS
ALWAYS
THERE!

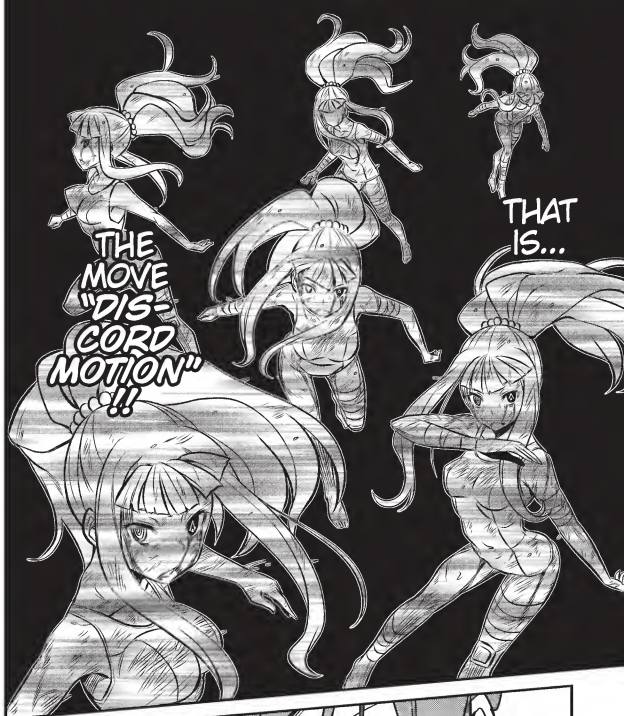
I DON'T
KNOW
HOW
SHE
MANAGED
IT,
BUT...!

THEN,
HER
PLAYER...
IT CAN'T
BE...

MUL-
TIPLE...
PERSON-
ALITIES
?!







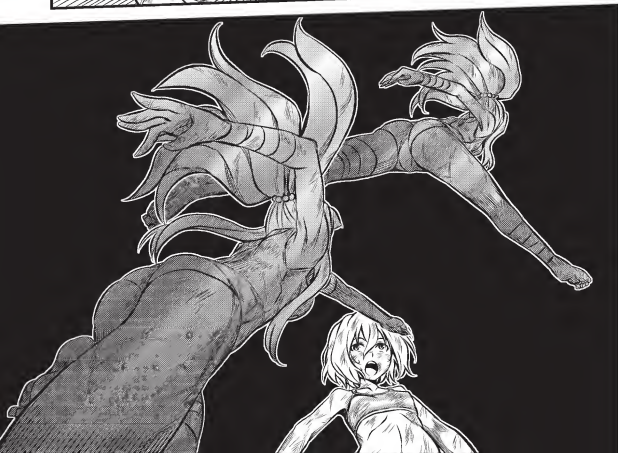
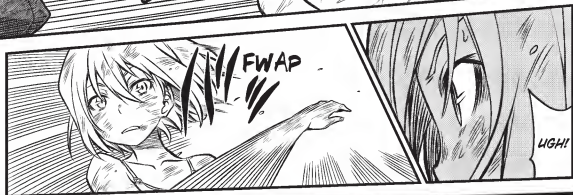
THE
MOVE
"DIS-
CORD
MOTION"
!!!

THAT
IS...

THAT'S
WHY HER
MOVE-
MENTS
ARE
ERRATIC!!

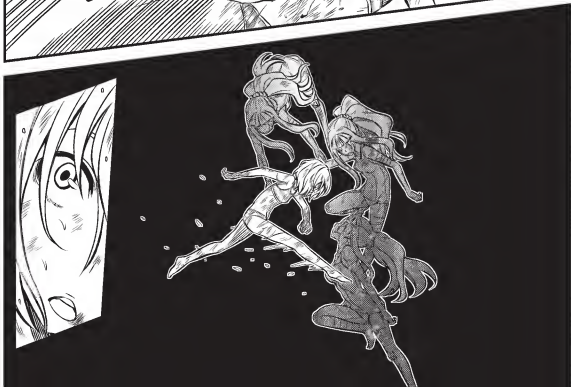
SHE
FREEZES
WHEN
SHE
CHANGES
PERSON-
ALITIES!

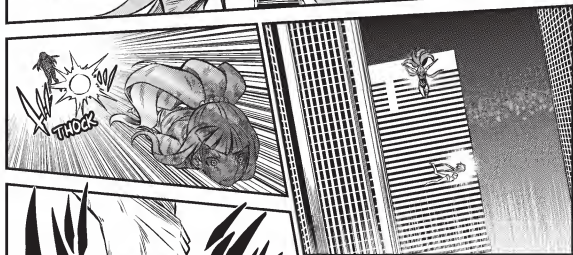
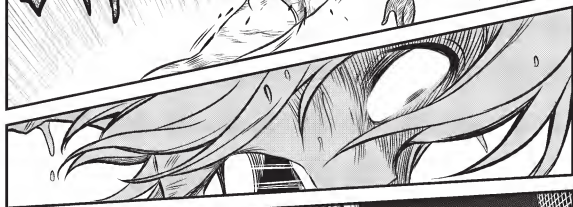
IT
CANCELS
HER
FLOW OF
ACTION!!











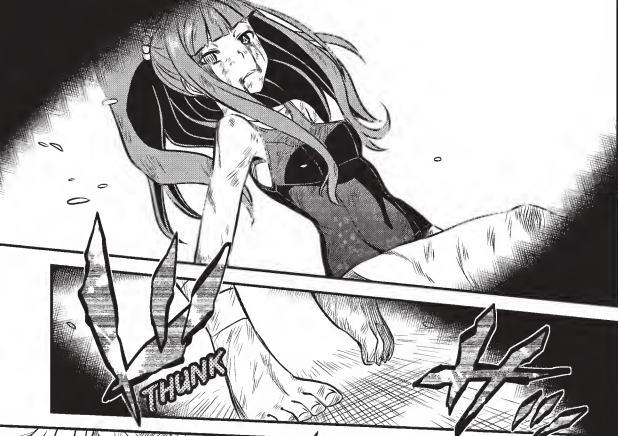


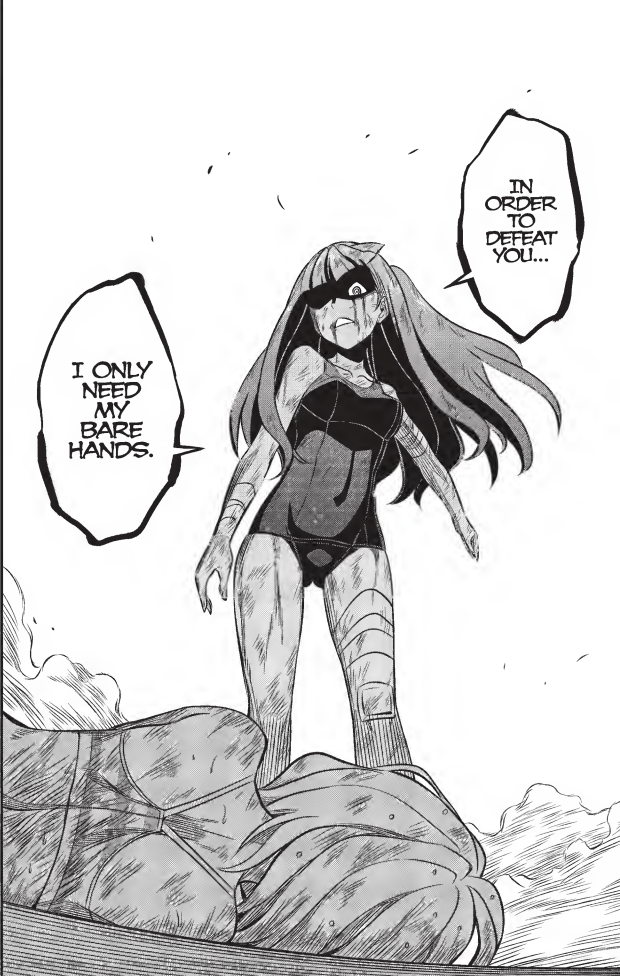


WE
CAN
STILL
FI--

SNAP







I ONLY
NEED
MY
BARE
HANDS.

IN
ORDER
TO
DEFEAT
YOU...



**It is
game
over.**

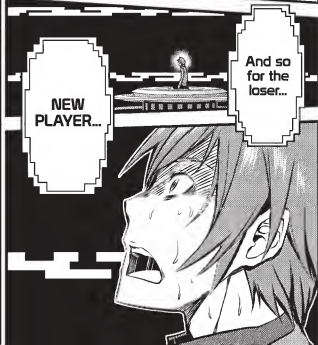
The
opponent
is no
longer
able to
fight.

The
winner
is...

MAZE!!

**NEW
PLAYER...**

And so
for the
loser...

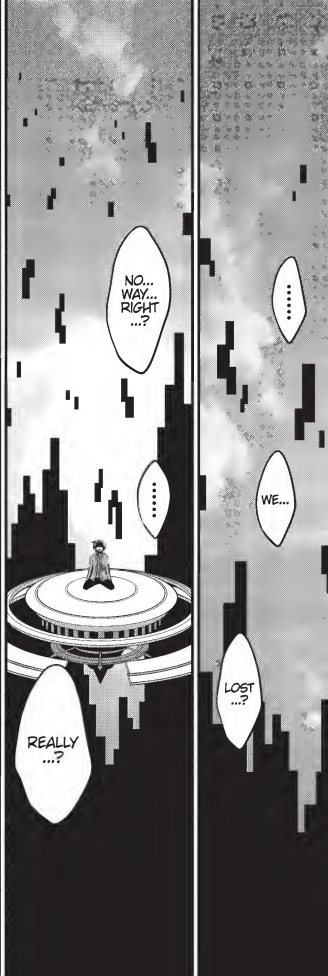




WE
LOST...

US...

WE
LOST
...?



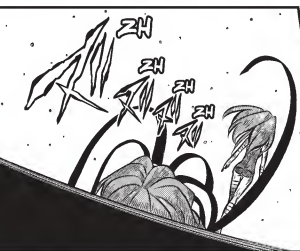
NO...
WAY...
RIGHT
...?

...

WE...

LOST
...?

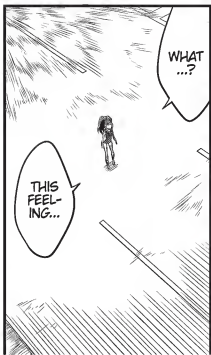
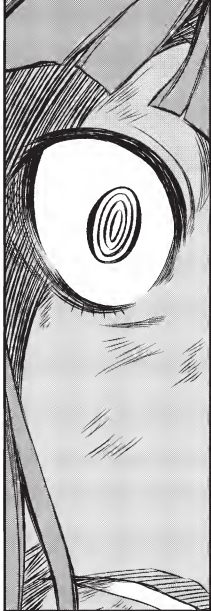
REALLY
...?





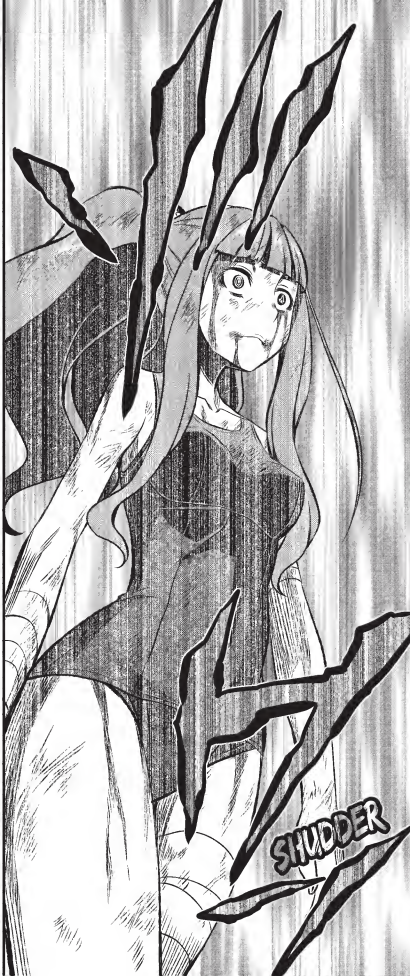
KLIN...

MI-
KA-
MI...



WHAT
...?

THIS
FEEL-
ING...



SHUDDER



ISN'T
OVER?

THE
GAME...



WHAT'S
GOING
ON...?





.....
?!

NO
WAY...

YOU'RE
--?!



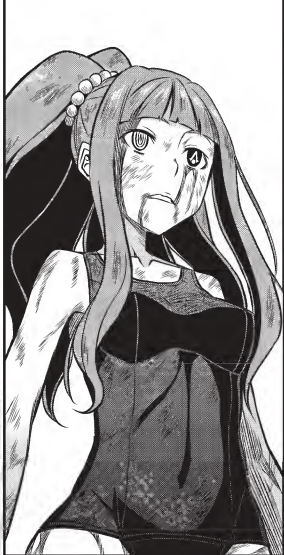


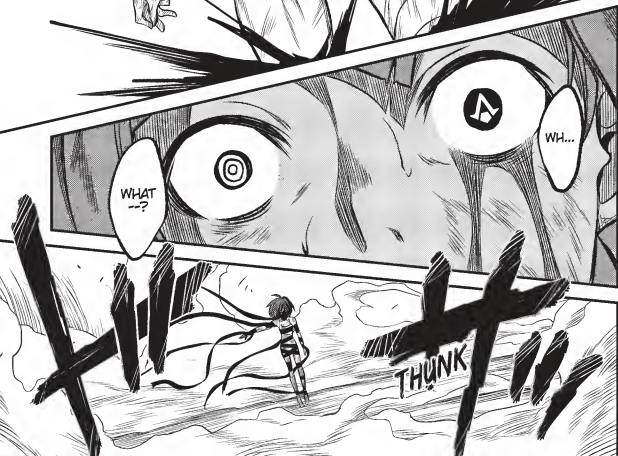
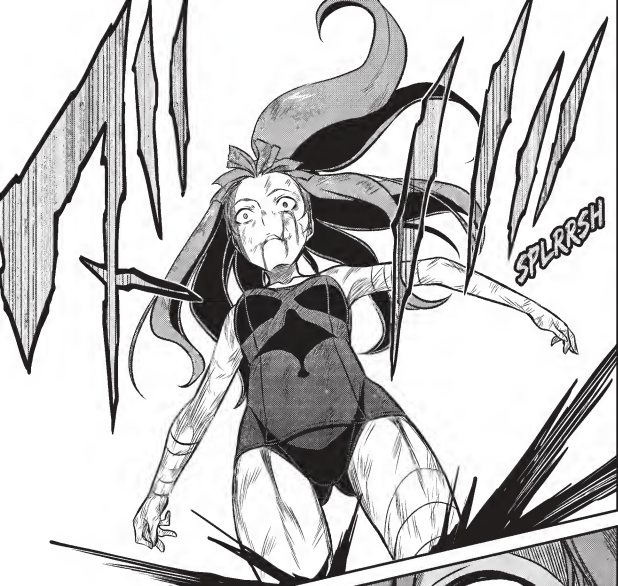


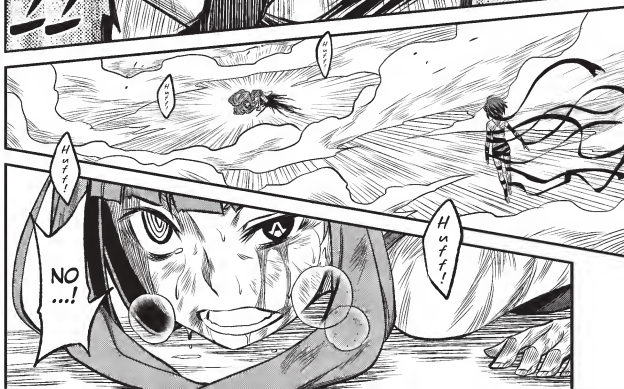
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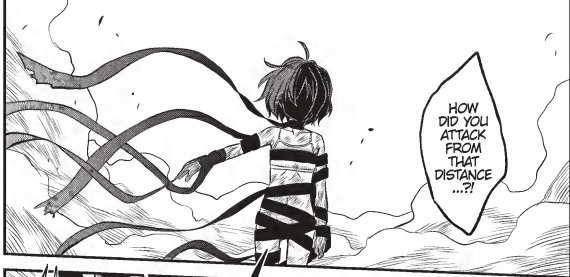
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WATARU KARSUMA

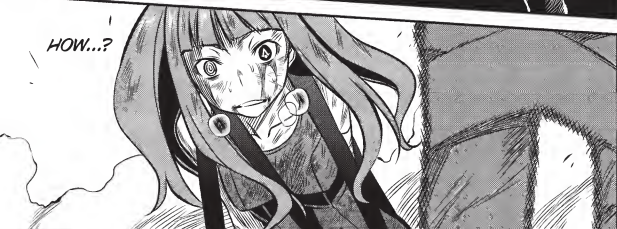
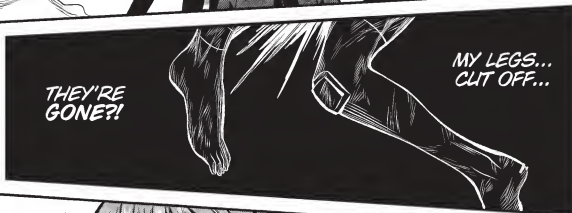
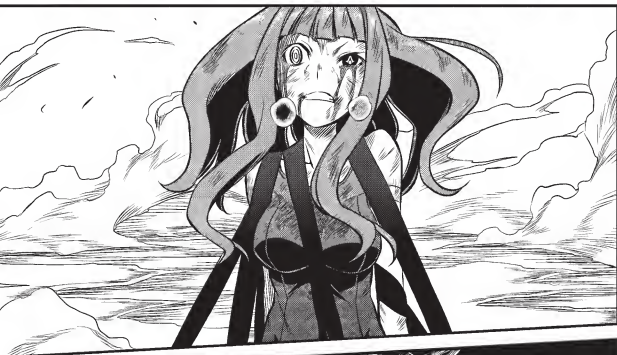








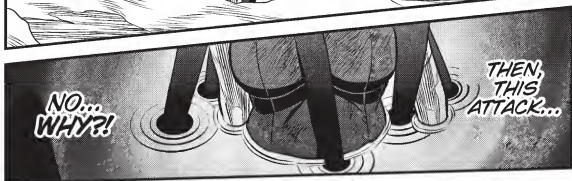






THEY
WERE
DELETED
?!

IS THAT
EVEN
POSSI-
BLE...?!



NO...
WHY?!

THEN,
THIS
ATTACK...



THE
BOTH
OF US...
D-
DELET-
ED...?!

WE...
WERE
TO BE
DELET-
ED?!



HA
HA
HA
HA!

AH
HA
HA
...



**I WON!!
HOW IS
THIS
FAIR?!**

**YOU
THINK
I'M JUST
GOING TO
ACCEPT
THIS?!**

WHY...

WH...

I WON
THIS
BATTLE...

DELETE.

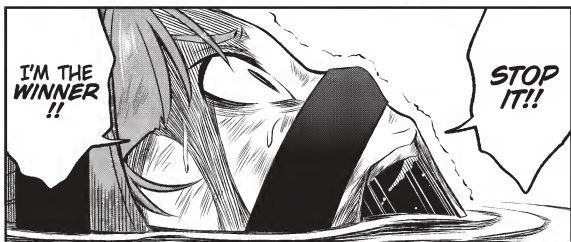
HOW
DO YOU
HAVE
THIS
KIND OF
POWER
?!

TELL
ME
HOW...



HAVE
THE SAME
AUTHORITY
AS A GM?!

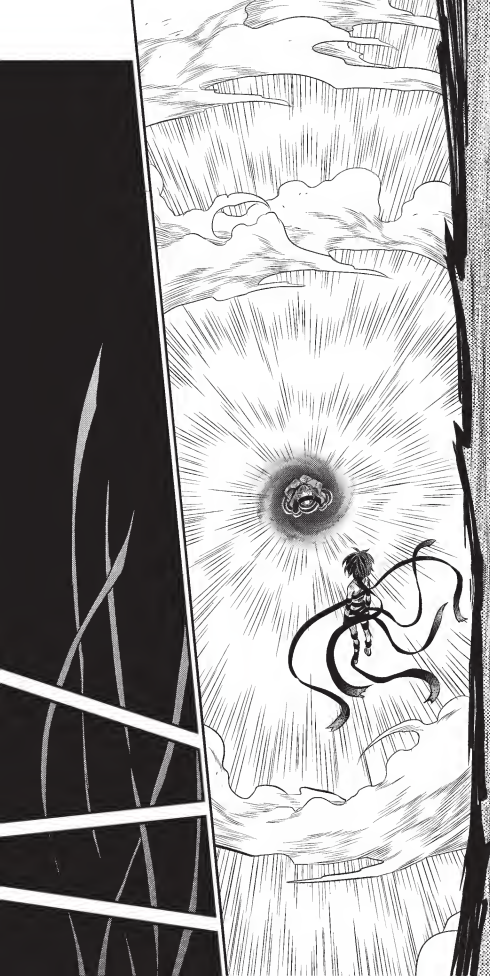
HOW
DO
YOU...



I'M THE
WINNER
!!

STOP
IT!!

YOU CHEATING WRETCH!!!



THIS IS
UNFOR-
GIV-
ABLE...

H
u
f
f!

HOW
WAS
THAT
FAIR?!

NOT
FAIR
...

.....

THIS
IS UN-
ACCEP-
T-ABLE...

H
u
f
f!

THERE'S
NO
WAY!!

H
u
f
f!

SO
PATHETIC
...

H
u
f
f!

H
u
f
f!

DID
SOME-
ONE SEE
THAT...?!

SOME
ONE...

I-I WANT
SOMEONE
TO TELL
OTHERS...
ABOUT
THIS
TRAVESTY...

H
u
f
f!

ANYONE...
ANYONE
WILL DO...

H
u
f
f!

LOOKING
THIS
WAY...

SOME-
ONE...
IS
WATCH-
ING...

SOME-
ONE
THERE
...?

IS
THERE
...

H
u
f
f!

H
u
f
f!

H
u
f
f!

PLEASE...
YOU...
THE
PERSON
THERE...

H
u
f
f!

DO
SOME-
THING
ABOUT
THIS...
NOW!

YOU,
RIGHT
THERE.

YOU.
I'M
TALKIN'
TO
YOU.

THE
TRUTH.

PLEASE
TELL
THEM
WHO THE
TRUE
WINNER
IS...

H
u
f
f!

TELL
THEM.

OR
ANYONE
ELSE...

TELL
THE
GAME
OPERA-
TOR...

OUR
FUTURE
IS IN
YOUR
HANDS!!

OUR
HOPE...

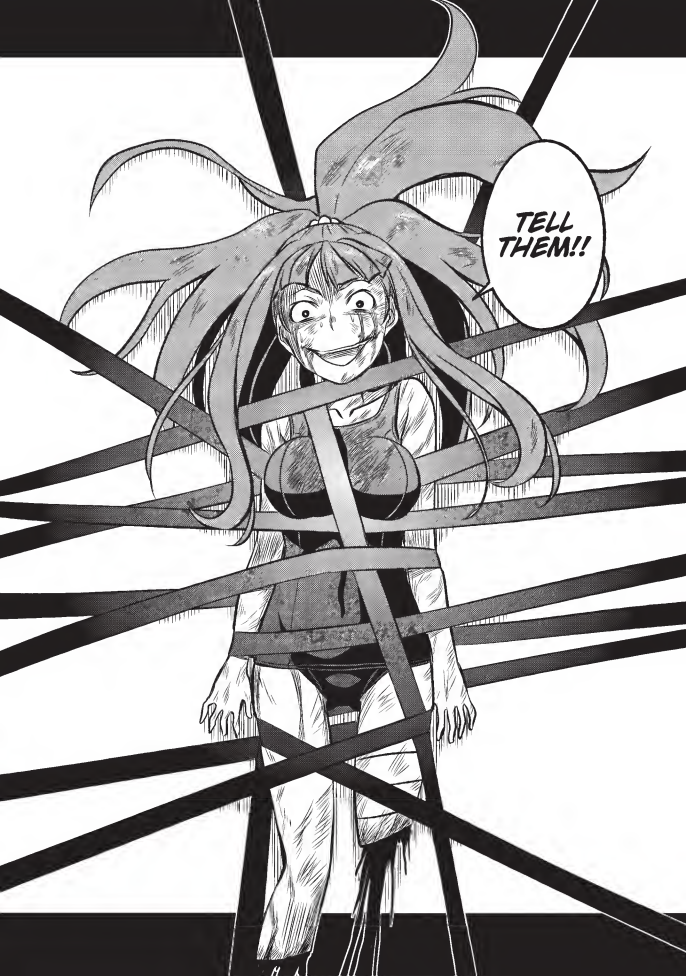
H
u
f
f!

BE
SURE...
TO TELL
OTHERS
THE
TRUTH...

BUT
YOU
BETTER
BE
SURE...

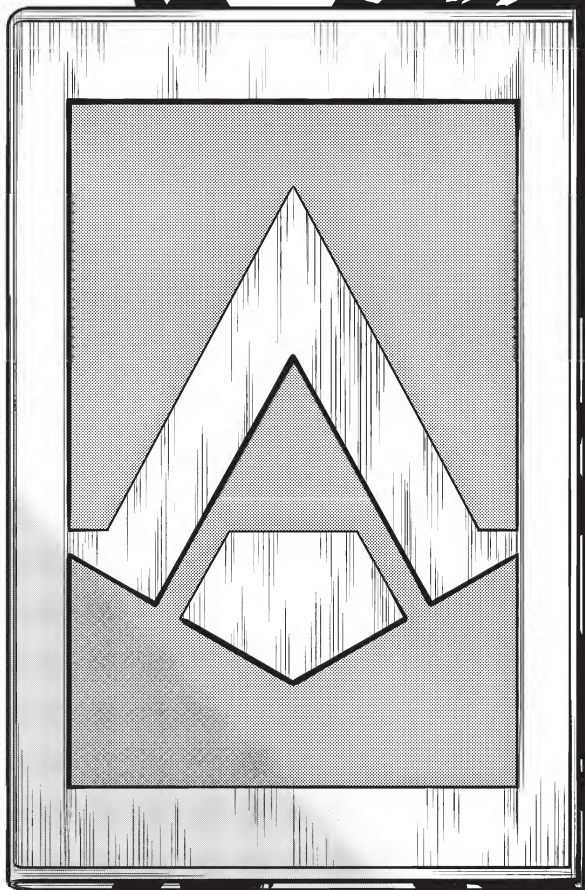
THEN
CONTIN-
UE ON
FOR-
WARD...

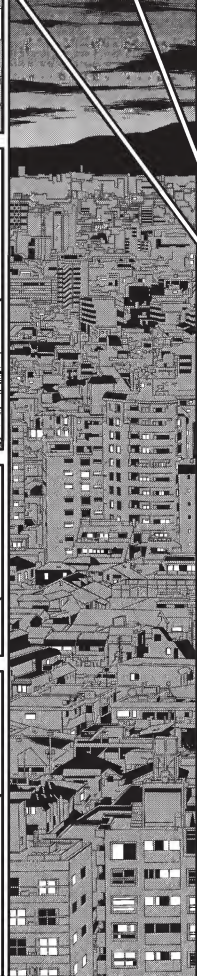
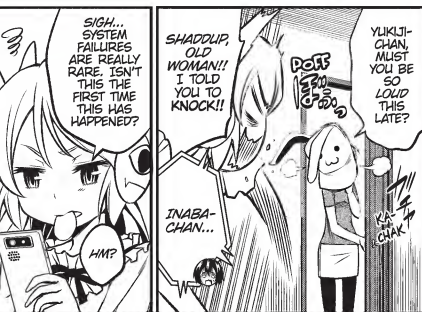
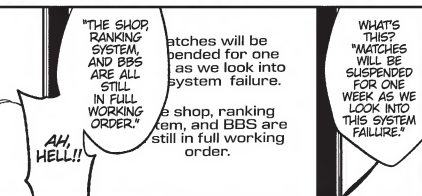
IF YOU...
GOT TO
GO FOR-
WARD...



**TELL
THEM!!**









UM...

IS THAT WRONG?

01.STRATOS
02.Mariko
03.NEW PLAYER
04.Kaiser.G

"NEW PLAYER"?



NEW PLAYER



STAGE CLEAR

The one who shined as the MVP...

Now, I will announce the MVP of this game...

Is the player name, NEW PLAYER-kun!

THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T CHANGED THE INITIAL SETTINGS.

THAT'S THE DE-FAULT NAME.

BUT...

NEWPLAYER

HA HA HA, RIGHT?

N-NO WAYYYY ...

NOT!!

I MEAN, SHE SOLVED THAT CRAPPY-- I MEAN, IMPOSSIBLE EVENT BATTLE GAME, RIGHT?

FOR SOME REASON, HER FACE IS THE FIRST ONE I THINK OF.

OF COURSE IT DOES! IF WE SEE HER IN THE NEXT EVENT BATTLE, SHE'LL BE THE ONE WE HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR!!

GYAAGH!

IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER TO US...

WE CAN'T REALLY RULE HER OUT...

HUH?!

SHE DIDN'T SEEM LIKE A BAD PERSON...



EVERYTHING
IS GOING
ACCORDING
TO PLAN.
♥

I WAS
RIGHT IN
TELLING
NYANKORO
ABOUT
THEM.

OOH.

LOOKS
LIKE
THINGS
WENT
WELL.



WOOP

TUP

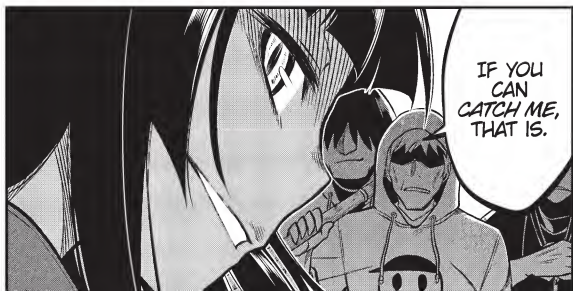


THE
BLACK
TRADE
IS SO
PETTY...

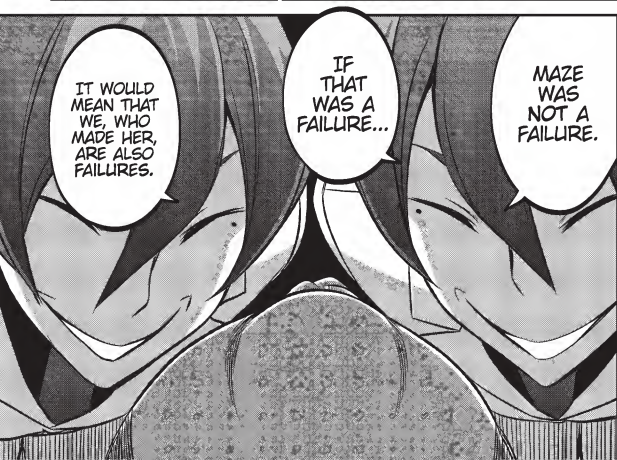
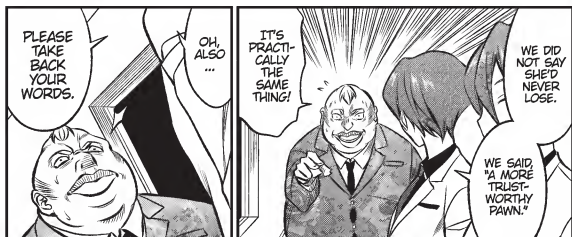
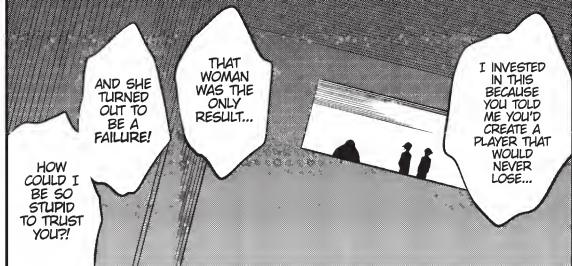
WELL, IT
CAN'T BE
HELPED...
WITH THE
SYSTEM
FAILURE,
AND ALL.

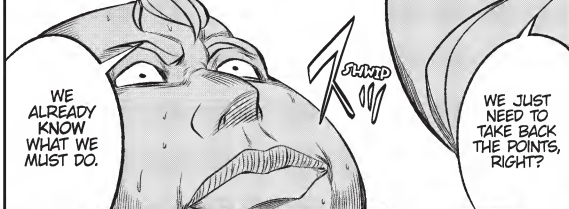
AH
HA!

SINCE
THEY CAN'T
BEAT ME,
THIS IS
THEIR NEXT
MOVE?









WE
ALREADY
KNOW
WHAT WE
MUST DO.

WE JUST
NEED TO
TAKE BACK
THE POINTS,
RIGHT?



WE ARE
PERFECT.

DO NOT
WORRY.



I GUESS
I'LL ASK
THE
YOUNG
LADY,
HASAMI,
AGAIN...

THIS'LL
BE
TOUGH
...



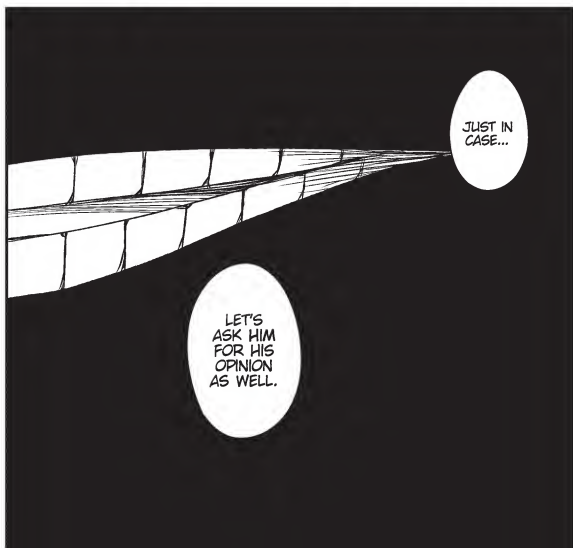
FROM
BEGINNERS
TO
VETERANS...
I DON'T
CARE WHAT
METHOD
YOU USE.

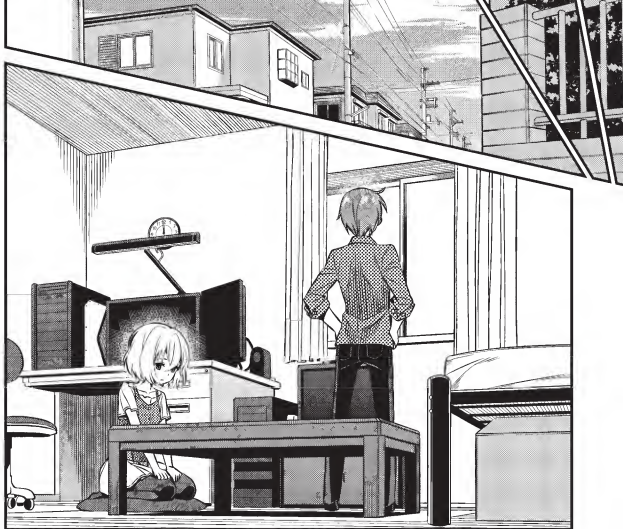


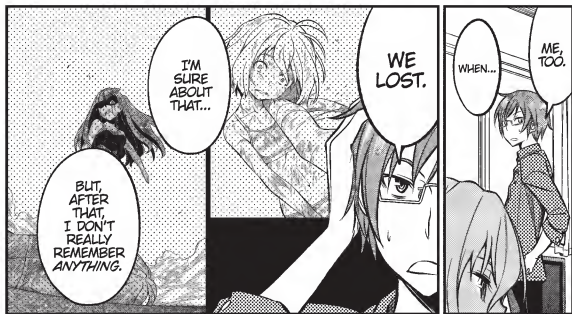
PLEASE
FIND
ALL THE
PLAYERS
WITH THE
NAME
"NEW
PLAYER"
SET.



IT
F



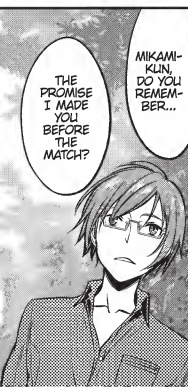
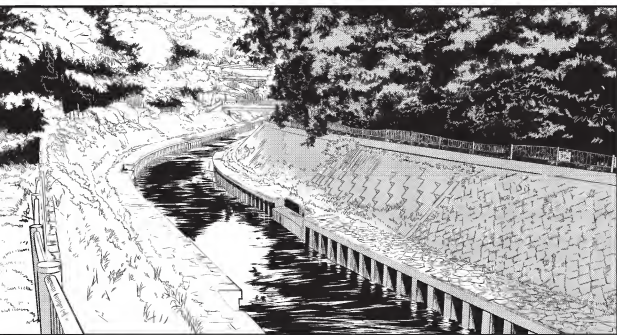






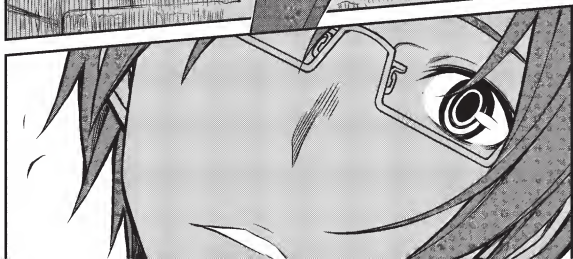






MIKAMI-
KUN,
DO YOU
REMEM-
BER...

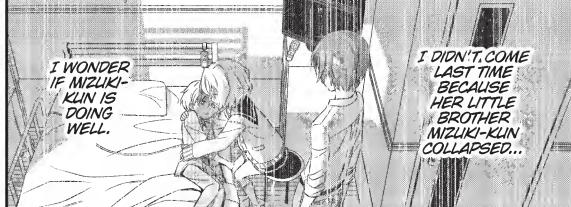






CHAPTER 25





I WONDER
IF MIZUKI-
KUN IS
DOING
WELL.

I DIDN'T COME
LAST TIME
BECAUSE
HER LITTLE
BROTHER
MIZUKI-KUN
COLLAPSED...



GLANCE

THOUGH
...



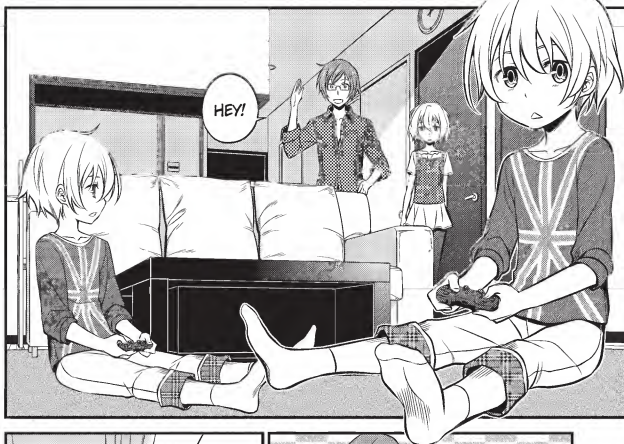
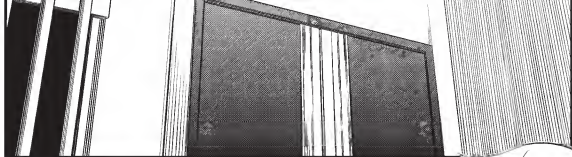
SOME-
THING
THAT RE-
QUIRES
ME TO GO
TO HER
HOUSE...

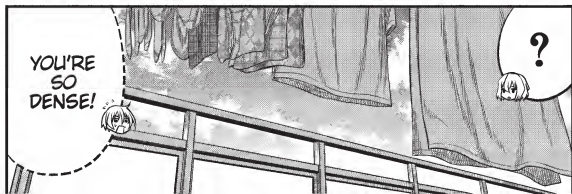
SHOW
ME...
JUST
WHAT
IS IT...?



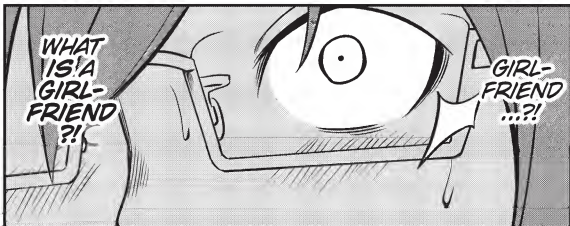
COME
TO MY
HOUSE.

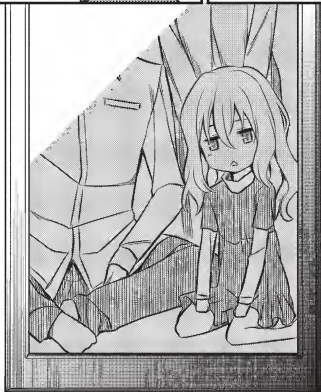
THERE'S
SOME-
THING
I WANT
TO SHOW
YOU.













WHOA!
THAT WAS
FAST!

SHOO!



MIKAMI-
KUN,
THAT'S
NOT IT.

にゅ
BWIP

AMAMIYA
BACK IN
ELEMENT-
TARY
SCHOOL...
HUH...



I PLAN
TO GET
RID OF
EVERYTHING
IN THIS
ROOM,
EVENTUALLY.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

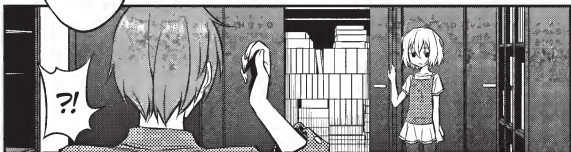
S-
SORRY!
OF ALL
THINGS
TO...



THERE'S
NO POINT
IN
KEEPING
THEM.

MEMORIES
OF A
PERSON
WHO
THREW
AWAY HIS
FAMILY...

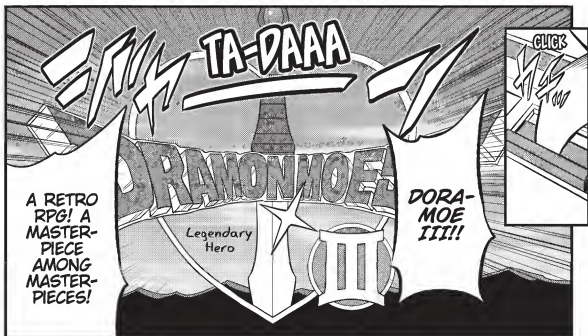












Kyouka

H 999

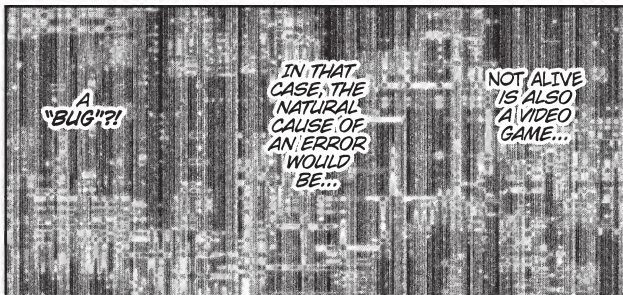
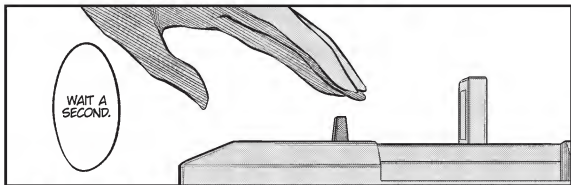
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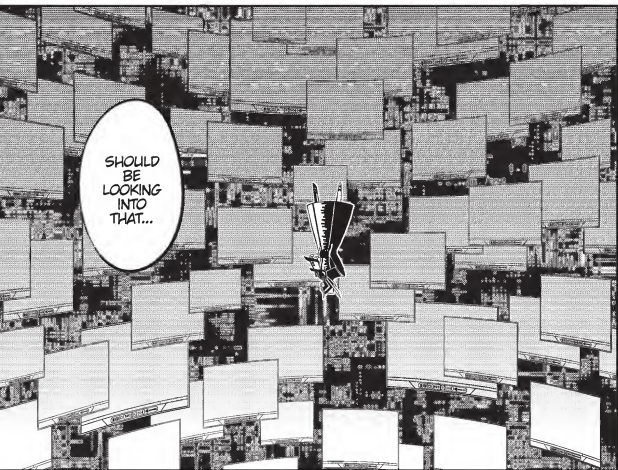
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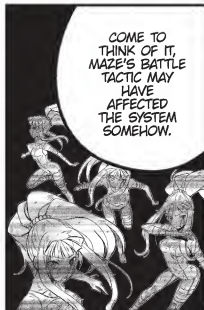




WELL,
OF
COURSE
THE GM...



SHOULD
BE
LOOKING
INTO
THAT...



COME TO
THINK OF IT,
MAZE'S BATTLE
TACTIC MAY
HAVE
AFFECTED
THE SYSTEM
SOMEHOW.



THE
TIMING
IS TOO
CLOSE TO
BE COINCIDENCE.



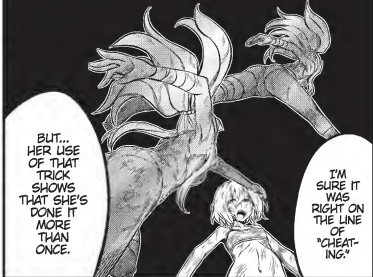
THE
MAZE
BATTLE.

A
SYSTEM
ERROR.



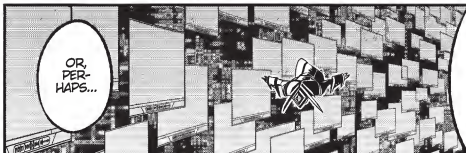
DOES
THAT
MEAN
THERE
WERE NO
SYSTEM
PROB-
LEMS?

SINCE
THE GM
LEFT IT
ALONE...



BUT...
HER USE
OF THAT
TRICK
SHOWS
THAT SHE'S
DONE IT
MORE
THAN
ONCE.

I'M
SURE IT
WAS
RIGHT ON
THE LINE
OF
"CHEAT-
ING."



OR,
PER-
HAPS...

IF THAT'S
THE CASE...
THE ERROR
CAME FROM
ELSE-
WHERE...



**WE
WERE
THE
SOURCE
OF THE
ERROR.**

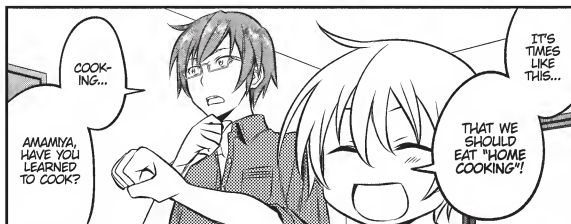


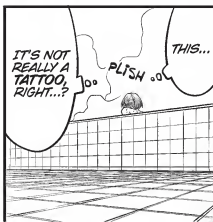
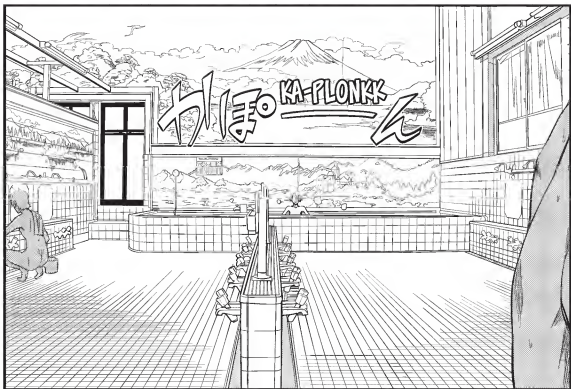
HEY!
I'M
HUN-
GRYYY!

WHAT'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN
TO US
FROM
NOW
ON...?!

WHO
REALLY
WON
THAT
FIGHT?

BUT
THEN...







ICHIROU.

RINSE
MY
BACK.

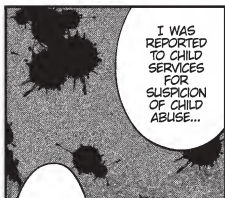
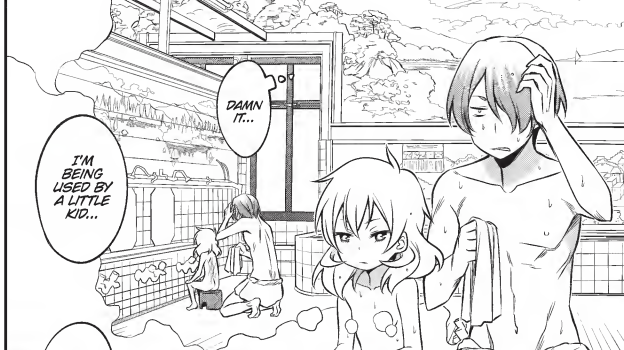
NO
WAY...

YOU
CAN'T...
THERE
ARE
RULES!!

WHY
ARE YOU
IN THE
MEN'S
SIDE?!

HURRY
UP...

OR I'LL
CASTRATE
YOU.





IMPOSSIBLE.
I HAVEN'T
GONE BACK
HOME IN
SO LONG.

YOU
SHOULD
JUST COME
WITH YOUR
PARENTS
INSTEAD OF
COMING
ALONE.

I WILL
ALLOW
IT.

YOU
CAN SAY
WHAT
YOU
WANT
TO SAY.



?!
?

OH,
THE
ABUSE
IS
TRUE.

SO
YOU'RE
A RUN-
AWAY...



HER LATEST
BOYFRIEND
ONLY HURT
MY BACK,
SO OTHERS
WOULDN'T
NOTICE.

SIMPLY
PUT, MY
MOTHER
LOWERED
HER
STANDARDS
IN MEN
AFTER MY
FATHER
DIED.



BUT,
ONE DAY,
HE TOOK
THINGS
TOO FAR.



MY MOTHER
WAS STUPID,
BUT I KNEW
THE ONE
TRULY IN
THE WRONG
WAS THAT
SCUM.

IT
COULDN'T
BE
HELPED
UNTIL
THAT
POINT.



ISN'T
THAT A
FAR
WORSE
MEMORY?

WELL,
I LEAVE
THE REST
TO YOUR
IMAGINA-
TION.



DON'T
YOU HAVE
MORE
OF A
SISTER
COMPLEX?



HAVEN'T
YOU
THOUGHT
OF THE
POSSI-
BILITY
THAT
I'D BE
ARREST-
ED...

SO,
INSTEAD
OF BEING
REPORTED
AND TAKEN
INTO CUS-
TODY...

I'D HAVE
SOMEONE
WHO HAS
THAT KIND
OF FETISH
LOOK
AFTER
ME.



IT'S NOT
HARD TO
COME TO THAT
CONCLUSION,
BASED ON
YOUR
DESPERATION.

THOSE
WORDS
YOU SPOKE
WHEN YOU
PAIRED
WITH ME.

"THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WANT TO
GET BACK.
FOR THAT,
I'LL DO
ANYTHING."



I DON'T
CARE
WHAT
HAPPENS
TO MY
FAMILY.

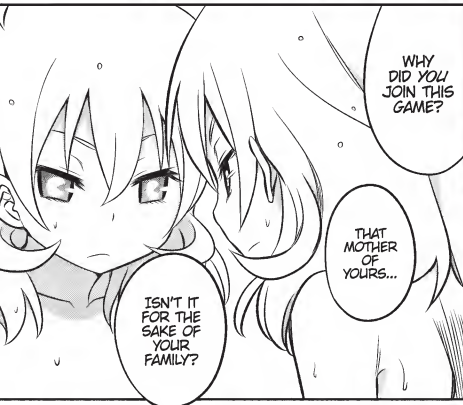
HOW
DISGUST-
ING.
YOU'RE
OBVIOUSLY
OB-
SESSED.



ISN'T
THAT
OBI-
VIOUS?!

THAT'S
BECAUSE
SHE'S
A PART
OF MY
FAMILY.

THAT'S...



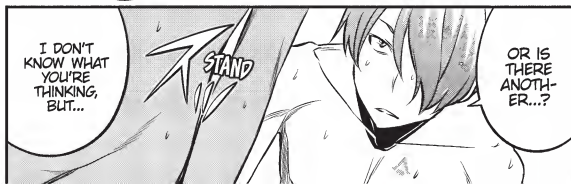
ISN'T IT
FOR THE
SAKE OF
YOUR
FAMILY?

WHY
DID YOU
JOIN THIS
GAME?

THAT
MOTHER
OF
YOURS...



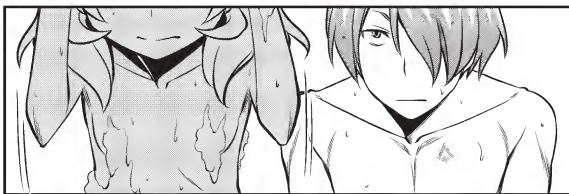
WHAT
ABOUT
YOU,
THEN?

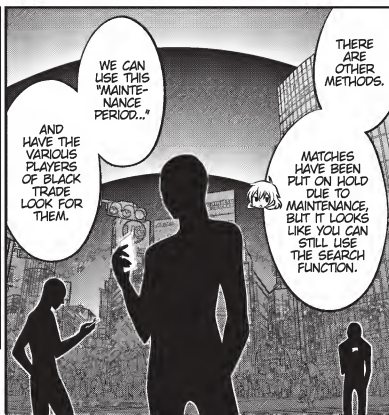
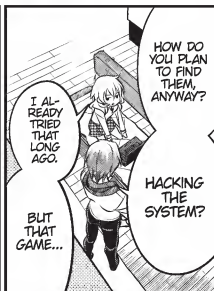


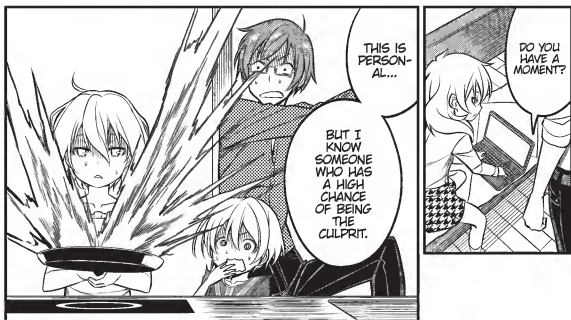
I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE
THINKING,
BUT...

STAND

OR IS
THERE
ANOTH-
ER...?









JUST BECAUSE A SMALL FRY LIKE YOU WAS DEFEATED, DOESN'T MAKE IT THAT CONVINCING.

BUT WE SHOULD LOOK INTO IT, EITHER WAY.



I SEE.



IT MAY BE DANGEROUS FOR US, AS WELL.

IF THOSE FOX-EYED MEN MAKE A MOVE...

"IMPERIAL GENTLE-MAN."



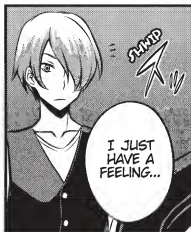
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS GETTING THE BLACK TRADE TO MOVE, USING THAT REPRESENTATIVE...

TONK



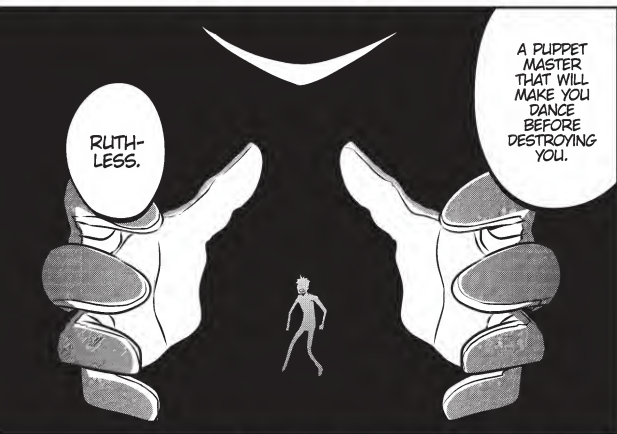
WHAT'S WRONG?

...





AN OVER-
WHELMING
POWER THAT
WILL *CRUSH*
THOSE WHO
BETRAY
THEM.

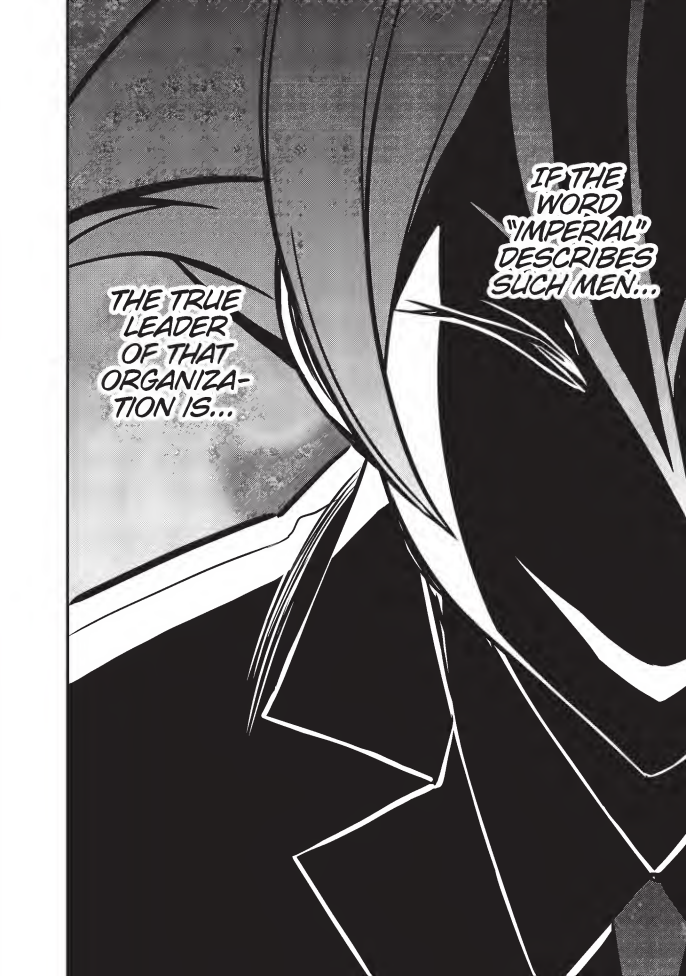


RUTH-
LESS.

A PUPPET
MASTER
THAT WILL
MAKE YOU
DANCE
BEFORE
DESTROYING
YOU.



A TRUE
TYRANT.



THE TRUE
LEADER
OF THAT
ORGANIZA-
TION IS...

IF THE
WORD
"IMPERIAL"
DESCRIBES
SUCH MEN...



YESTERDAY,
PAX WAS
THE ONE
WHO CAME
TO YOU.

WE
WOULD
LIKE AN
ANSWER
SOON.

IT MAY
SEEM
TROUBLE-
SOME TO
BE ASKED
THE SAME
QUESTION
BY THE
SAME FACE,
BUT...

WE ARE
QUITE
BUSY.

THE
ONLY ONE
TO EVER
CLEAR NOT
ALIVE...

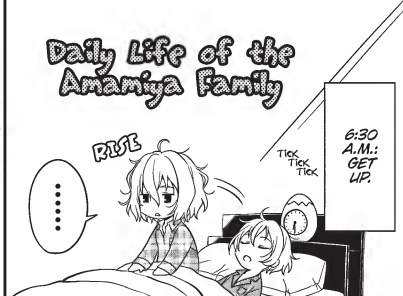
YOU KNOW
SOMETHING
ABOUT IT,
DO YOU
NOT?

ABOUT
THE
SYSTEM
ERROR
IN NOT
ALIVE.



"ASTAROTH"-
SAMA.

TO BE CONTINUED...



NEXT VOLUME!!

EVENTS ARE ALWAYS
THE PART OF ANY GAME!

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE TWO GETS TESTED?!

NO.
[NOT ALIVE]
IS A DEATH
GAME.

THAT EVENT
AGAINST MULTIPLE
PEOPLE WILL BEGIN
AGAIN SOON...



THIS TIME, THE
PLAYER AND
AVATAR BONDS
WILL BE TESTED--?!

NOT LIVES 06

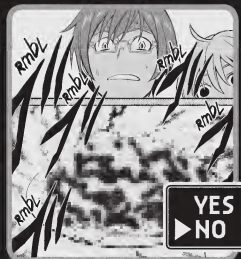
COMING SOON!!

[NOT ALIVE]
IS A DATING
SIMULATION
GAME.

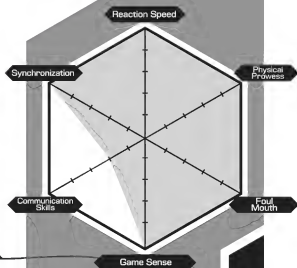
IS AMAMIYA'S "LIKE" PARAMETER
GOING GOOD WITH THE "STAYING
OVERNIGHT EVENT"?



A CHANCE TO GET
EVENT CGS BASED
ON YOUR CHOICES!!
MAYBE...?



SECRET SECRET SECRET SECRET SECRET SECRET



Avatar Compatibility: S

AVATAR

May Kumiizakana

Transcending
Something

Transcending
Something

Transcending
Something

Transcending
Something

Transcending
Something

Transcending
Something

Player Compatibility: ?

May Kunitzaka

PLAYER



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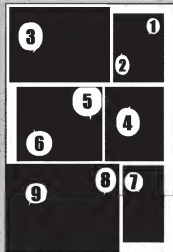
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